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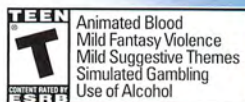
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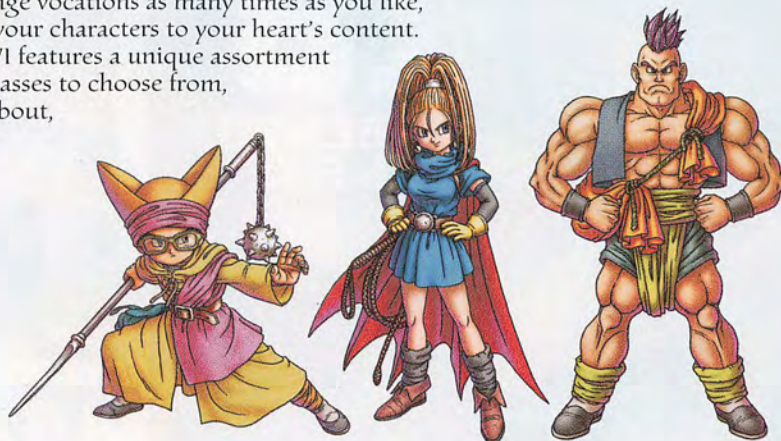
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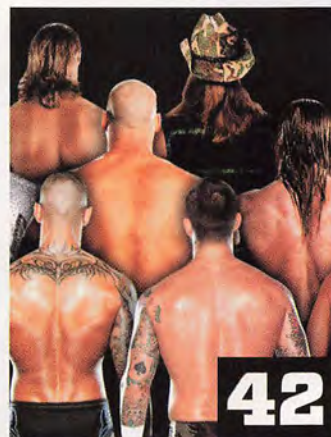
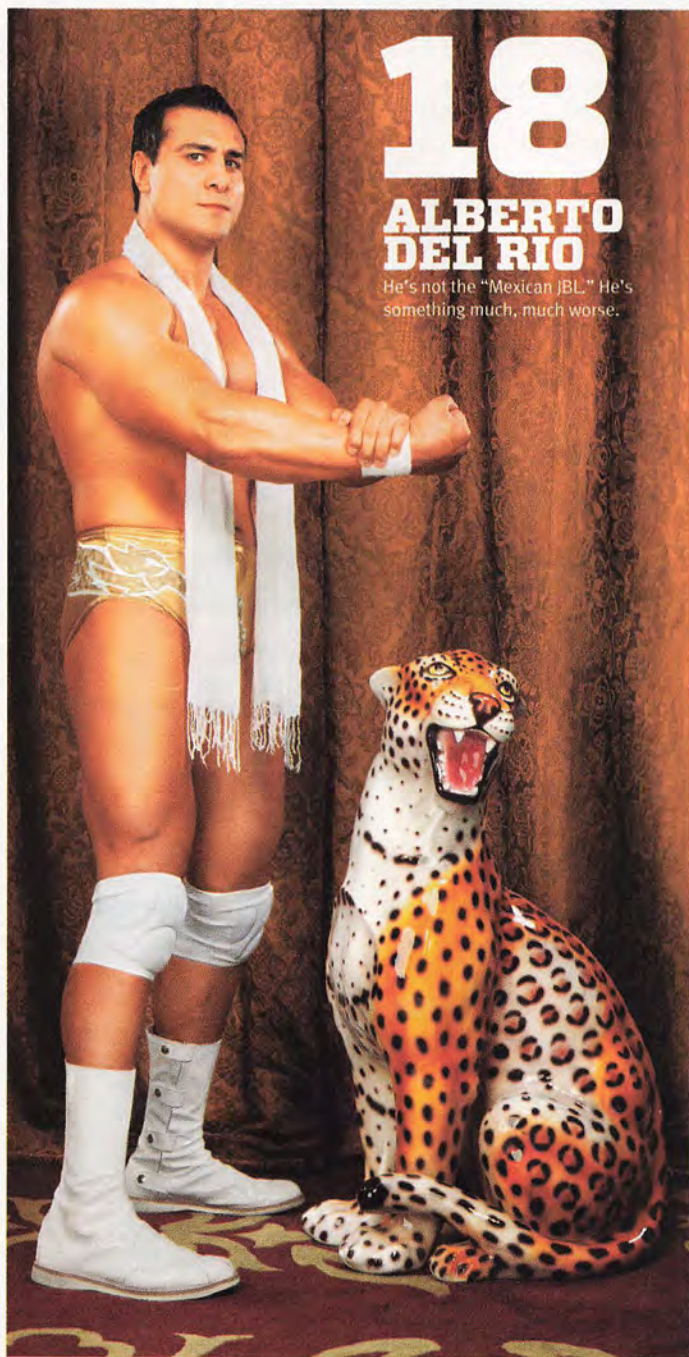
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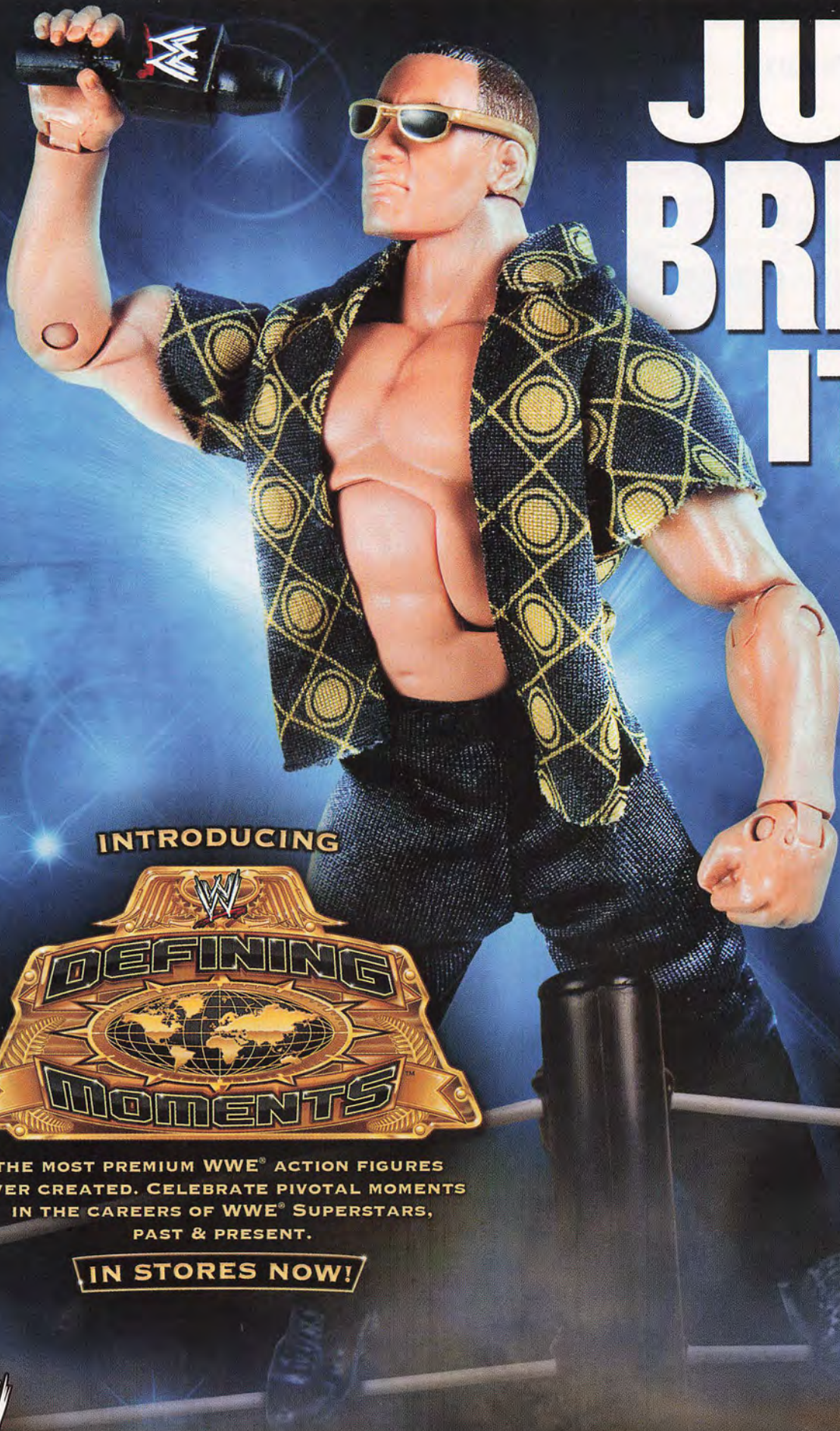
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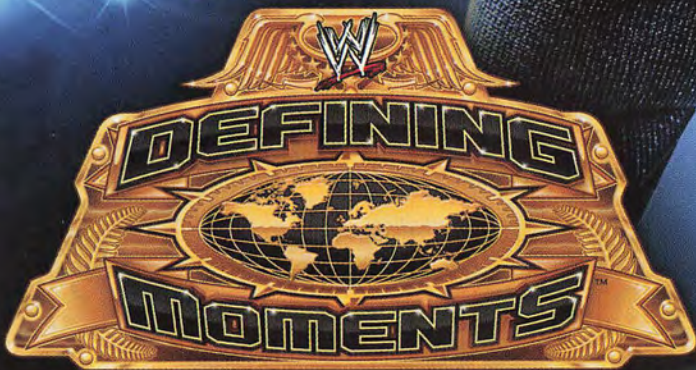
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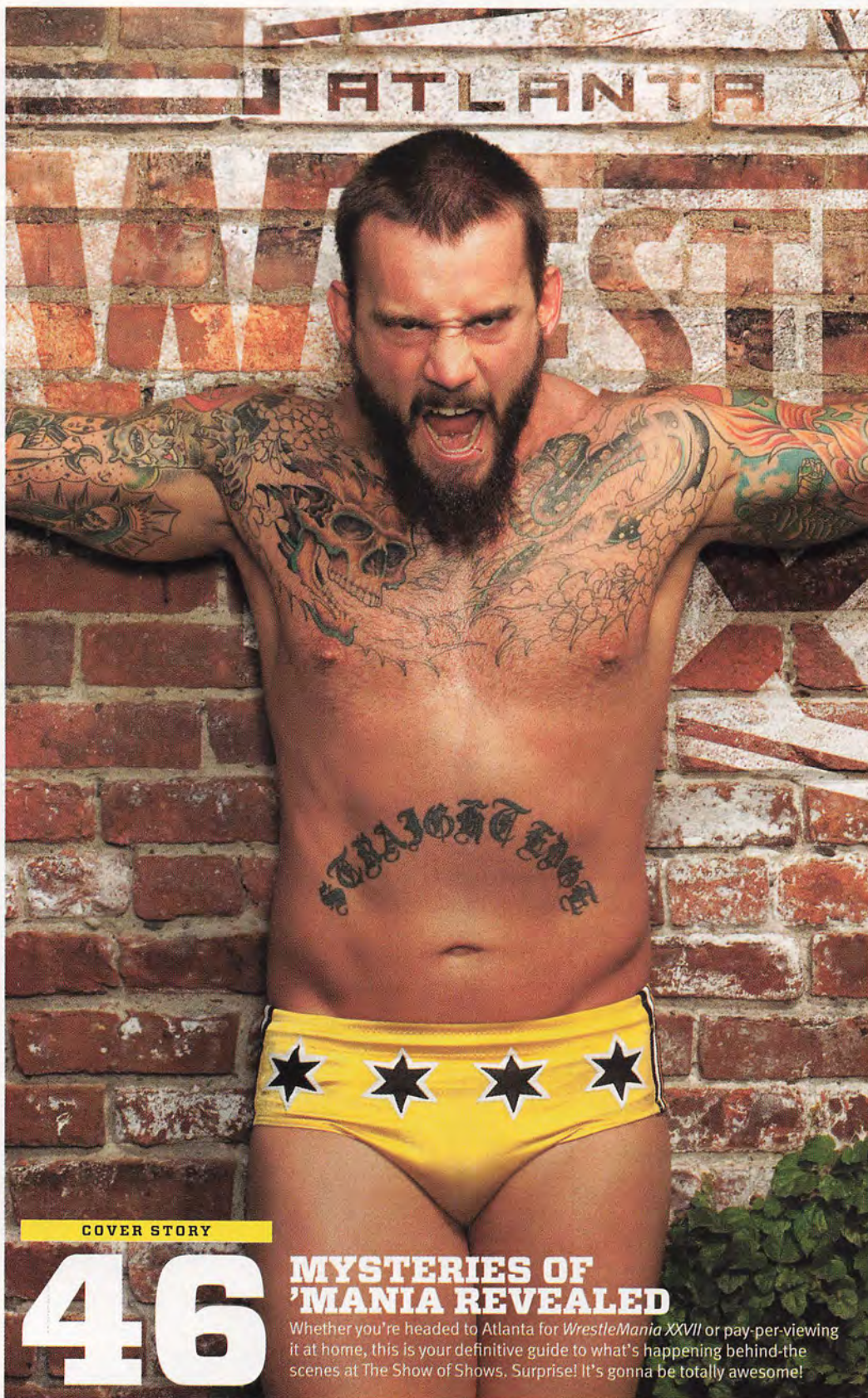
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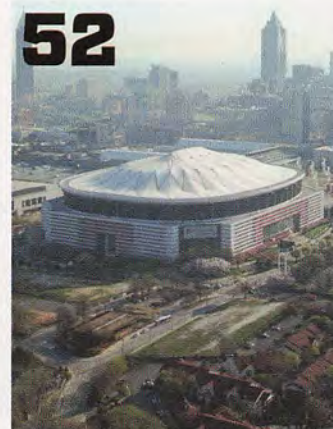
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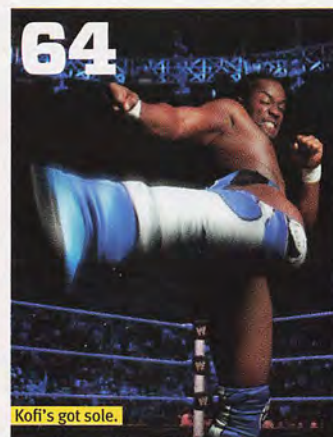
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What got us through this issue.



1. Great Scott!

The Jets' playoff win against New England was nearly eclipsed by Jets LB Bart Scott's post-game, WWE-style promo, as he claimed the Pats' D "couldn't stop a nosebleed." Somebody get this guy a contract!

2. HBK v. ADR!

We didn't think anything could make us happier than seeing Shawn Michaels return to Raw. Then he kicked Alberto Del Rio in the face and proved us wrong.

3. Tough Enough Returns!

It's back!...the same program that brought us The Miz, John Morrison and Melina (and Josh Mathews!) debuts on April 4.

4. Geeking Out!

Obsessing over the George R. R. Martin series, *A Song of Ice and Fire*, might make us nerds, but we nerds are pumped that the first book, *Game of Thrones*, is coming to HBO. Peter Dinklage as Tyrion Lannister? Sold.

5. WWE NXT Uprising T!

CM Punk's ruthless initiation tests looked positively brutal, but we'd probably take a few lashings with a belt in order to wear this sweet T-shirt.

6. Old-School Chili Cookoff!

Kudos to Team Chili Vanilli for winning our office food-fest. The chef's secret ingredient? Cinnamon. Girl, you know it's true.



ON THE COVER



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BONUS!

CM Punk takes
WrestleMania
to the brink—
check it out on
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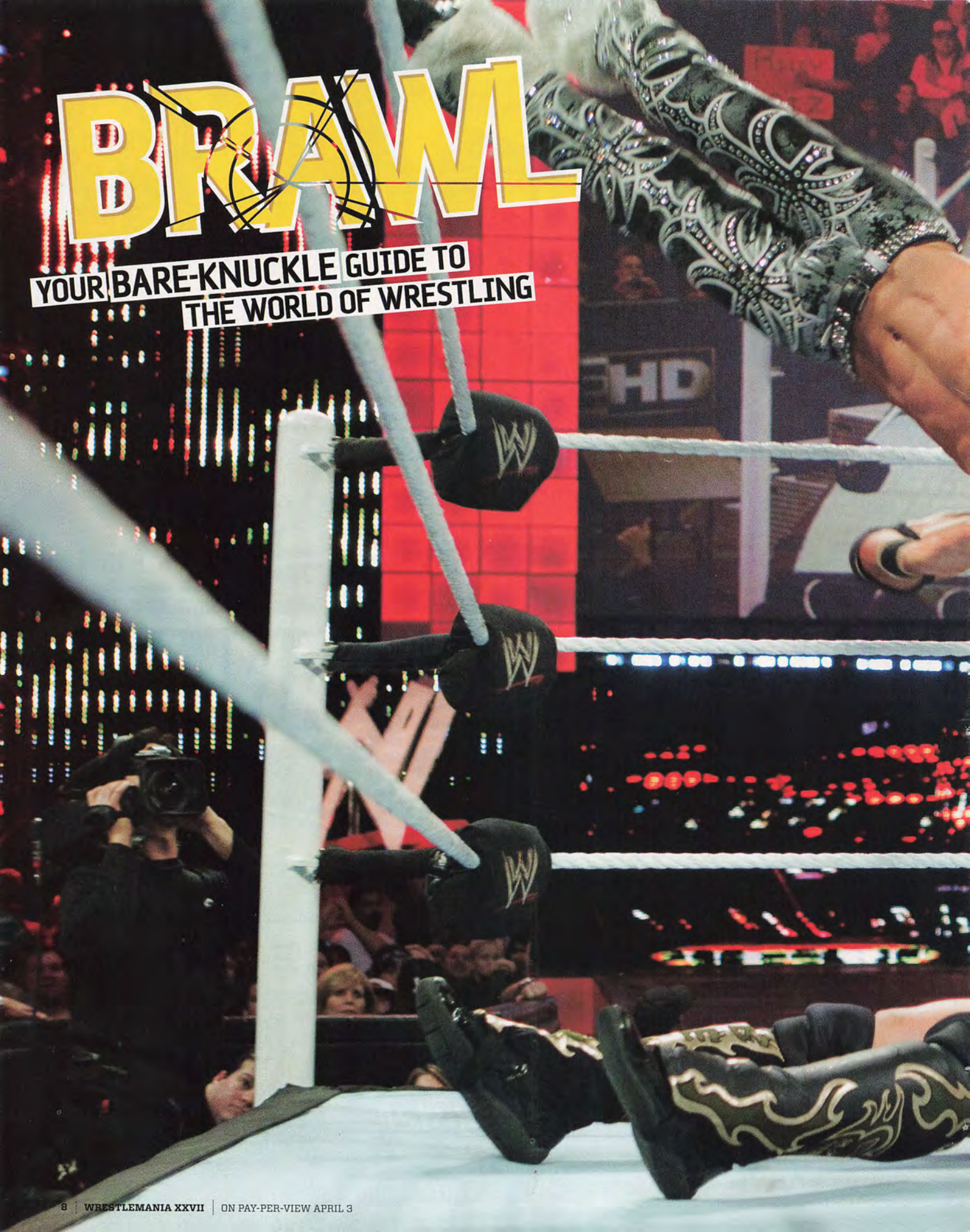


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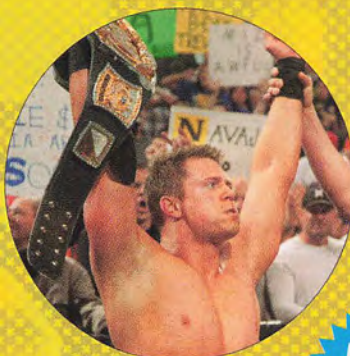
JANUARY 3,
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RAW
THE MIZ

VS.

**JOHN
MORRISON**

PHOENIX, AZ



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LOOK?

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January 3, 2011 also marked the beginning of CM Punk's reign as the leader of The Nexus.

By The Numbers

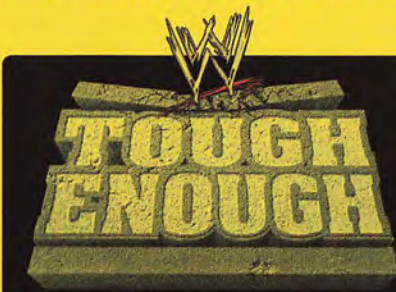
In 2011's premiere bout, **John Morrison** competed in his first WWE Championship Match, which was also **The Miz's** first title defense of the decade. And we were first on the scene to tally up the numbers!



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STATES WITH A CITY NAMED PHOENIX

Arizona's Phoenix, site of WMXXVI (and this match), is the largest. The other states? Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, both Carolinas, Oregon and Texas.



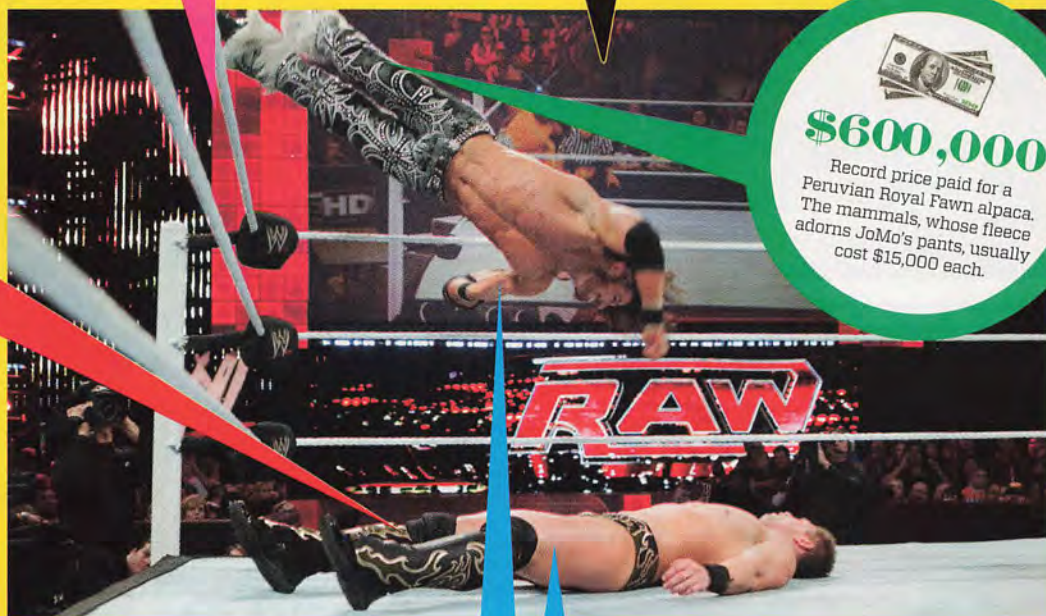
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COMPETITORS ON THE FIRST FOUR SEASONS OF WWE'S TOUGH ENOUGH

who went on to win a singles title. The Miz (U.S., WWE) and John Morrison (I-C) got their start on the show, and Melina is the only Tough Enough competitor who has won the Divas Championship.



"THIS WAS THE FIRST MATCH OF 2011, BUT I'M ALREADY NOMINATING IT FOR MATCH OF THE YEAR—IF NOT MATCH OF THE DECADE. WE WENT NO HOLDS BARRED FROM THE GET-GO."



\$600,000

Record price paid for a Peruvian Royal Fawn alpaca. The mammals, whose fleece adorns JoMo's pants, usually cost \$15,000 each.



DAYS THE MIZ AND MORRISON HELD THE WORLD TAG TITLES

The two were a memorable duo, both for their in-ring action and their out-of-ring antics on "The Dirt Sheet." But all that came to an end when The Miz was drafted to *Raw* in 2009, and took a parting shot, kicking The Monday Night Delight in the gut.



April 13, 2009

The Miz is drafted to *Raw*, then attacks John Morrison. *Et tu, Miz?*



Oct. 16, 2009

The two debate on *SmackDown* about which of them is the "Jannetty."



Oct. 25, 2009

U.S. bests I-C, as The Miz defeats John Morrison at *WWE Bragging Rights*.



Nov. 22, 2009

Team Miz defeats Team Morrison in a *Survivor Series* Elimination Match.



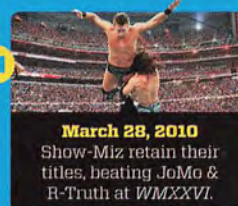
Jan. 3, 2011

WWE Champ The Miz beats JoMo one-on-one for the third time.



July 18, 2010

The Miz wins MITB, besting seven Superstars—including Morrison.



March 28, 2010

Show-Miz retain their titles, beating JoMo & R-Truth at *WMXXVI*.



Dec. 19, 2009

The Miz defeats Morrison again at *WWE Tribute to the Troops*.

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THE FATAL FOUR



We put Superstars in the hot seat with these random questions.

	DOLPH ZIGGLER	MELINA	ALBERTO DEL RIO	JACK SWAGGER
1 Book You've Never Finished?	<p>"The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo. I read about 70 pages, but it was long and took place in Sweden."</p>	<p>"The Secret. I heard everyone talking about it, so I felt like I was supposed to read it."</p>	<p>"The Bible. I've been reading it very slowly over time, but I've yet to finish it. I'll get there someday."</p>	<p>"The Shack. I read all of it except the last 60 pages, and never got around to finishing it."</p>
2 Bungee Jumping Or Skydiving?	<p>"Bungee jumping. I'm scared of both, but at least with bungee jumping I wouldn't have the palm-sweating plane ride to worry about."</p>	<p>"Everyone skydives. Bungee jumping seems scarier and more exciting."</p>	<p>"Skydiving. I did it once, and there's much more adrenaline in that than there is in bungee jumping. It's more of a thrill."</p>	<p>"Skydiving. It seems more my style."</p>
3 First Website I Visit Each Morning?	<p>"Twitter. I always want to see what my many followers have to share with me."</p>	<p>"Twitter. Just to check what other people are saying about whatever might be going on. It's how I get my news these days!"</p>	<p>"I'm a really big soccer fan, so I always visit the site of my favorite team, <i>realmadrid.com</i>."</p>	<p>"I Google all the time. I just bought a house, so I'm Googling electricians, plumbers, contractors. I also Google myself."</p>
4 Something I'm Never Motivated To Do?	<p>"Separate my recyclables. Because certain plastics can't be recycled—it's just too much of a hassle to divide everything up. Sorry, Mother Earth, I'm lazy."</p>	<p>"Pack my bags. I hate having to pack. I drag my feet all the time and wait until the last minute."</p>	<p>"Get up early. I've always been that way. I just have to remind myself that I am Alberto Del Rio—and therefore, it will be a great day."</p>	<p>"Leave my house once I'm home. When I finally get there, I like to stay put."</p>



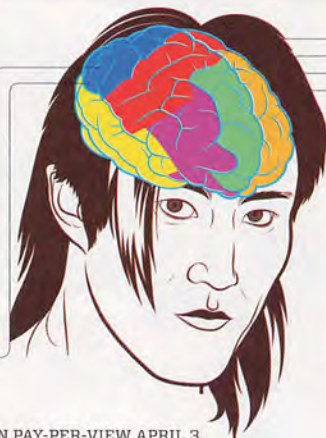
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BRAIN SCAN

Modern science now allows us to read Superstars' minds. This month: **Yoshi Tatsu**.

"I understand *Lost in Translation* in a way you never will."

"Everyone laughs so hard at the 'Mr. Sparkle' episode of *The Simpsons*. Why?"



"My theme music kind of tickles when I hear it."

"If you gave me HBO for free, I still wouldn't watch *Bored to Death*."

"Godzilla was the king of all monsters. So why was he always hanging out with little kids in short pants?"

"I find it strange that U.S. vending machines don't sell women's delicacies."



THE IDES HAVE IT

WWE'S UNLUCKIEST DAY

MARCH 15, 44 B.C.



Julius Caesar was stabbed in the back on March 15th, in 44 B.C., which is why some people associate that day with bad fortune. Looking at WWE history, they may be onto something.



★ *Raw*, 3/15/10

After 13 years away from WWE, Bret Hart returned to settle the score with Mr. McMahon. At their *WM* match contract signing, Bret and Vince reopened old wounds and made new ones, when Bret put Vince through a table.



★ *SmackDown*, 3/15/01

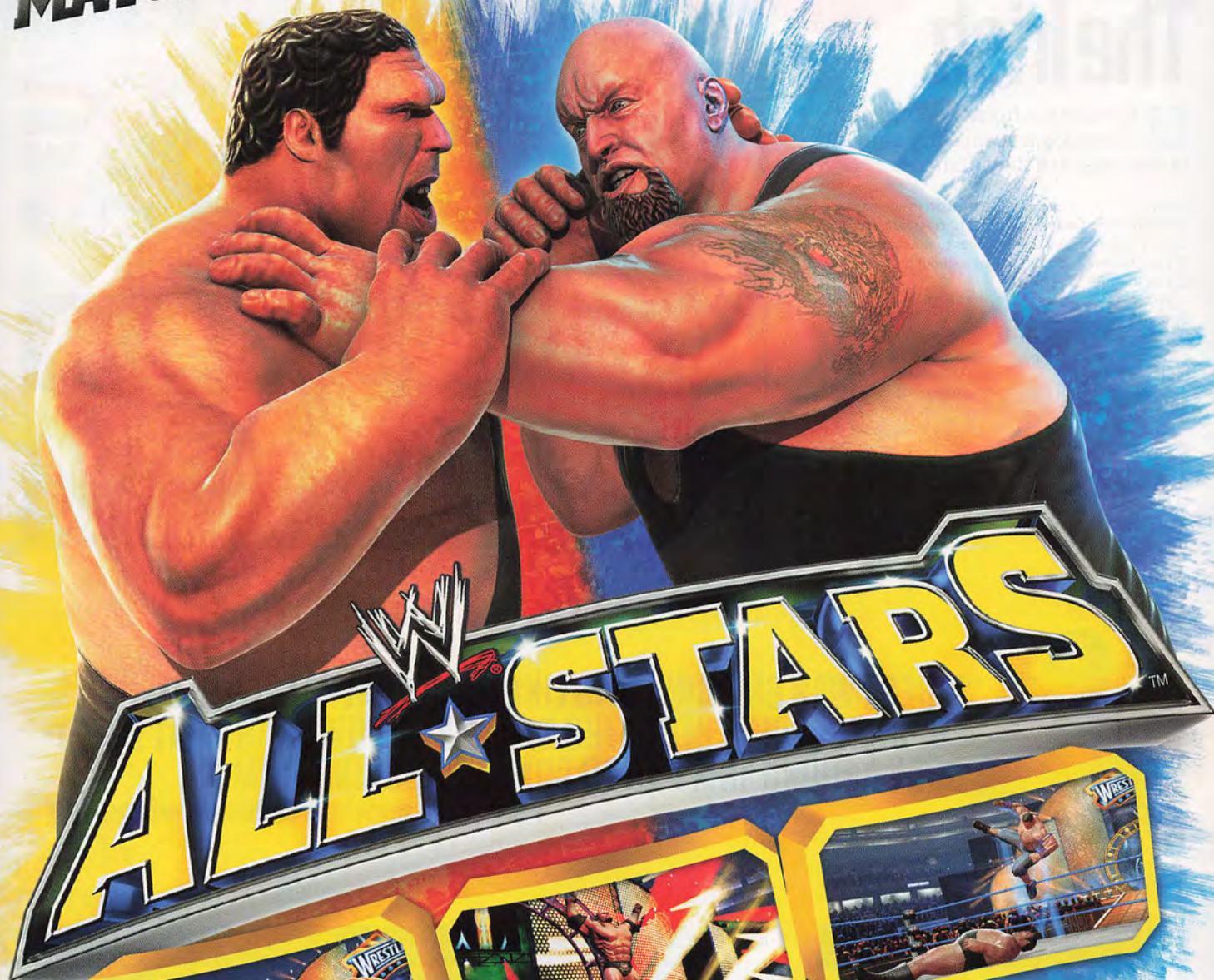
Facing Stone Cold in a No DQ Match, Kurt Angle had The Rock ringside to provide backup. But Angle's luck took a turn for the worse when The Rock turned on the former Olympian.



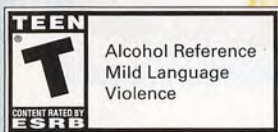
★ *Raw*, 3/15/99

Seeking Stephanie McMahon, The Ministry set the grounds of Vince's estate ablaze, burning 'Taker's symbol into the lawn. Vince asked Kane for help, but found out Kane was 'Taker in disguise!

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Luck Of The Irish

 Superstars from the Emerald Isle enjoy a surprising amount of success. Are they charmed?

Finlay

1. Defeated The Great Khali, a man twice his size at 2007's *Armageddon*.
2. First Irishman to win the U.S. Championship.
3. Made a remarkable comeback to the ring after severing major nerves in his leg in 1999.

Hornswoggle

1. Was able to turn an assault by DX into full-fledged DX membership by threatening legal action in "Little People's Court."
2. Was the final Cruiserweight Champ in WWE.

3. Has overcome opponents' clear size advantages to win matches throughout his career.

Sheamus

1. Won the WWE Championship five months and 13 days after his debut—the second-fastest WWE Championship grab in WWE history.
2. Became the fastest King Of The Ring winner in WWE history.
3. Miraculously, can be seen weekly on TV—despite having absolutely no melanin whatsoever.

FACT!
The ratio of three-leaf to four-leaf clovers is approximately 10,000 to 1.



"WHEN I WAS ON RAW, I WAS LIKE JULIUS CAESAR, AN ALL-POWERFUL CONQUERING HERO WHO BECAME SO POWERFUL THAT EVERYBODY AROUND HIM HAD TO CONSPIRE AGAINST HIM."

—Wade Barrett, on why he will dominate; *SmackDown*, 1/14/11



STAT SLAM

Since 2003, what percentage of U.S. Title winners went on to win the WWE or World Heavyweight Championships?



SMOOTH MOVES

MY FAVORITE FINISHER

Kofi Kingston reveals the match-ending move he wishes he could add to his repertoire.

"WITHOUT A DOUBT, 'SUPERFLY' JIMMY SNUKA'S SUPERFLY SPLASH. I'VE ALWAYS FELT AN AFFINITY FOR HIGHFLIERS, AND 'SUPERFLY' IS DEFINITELY ONE OF MY ALL-TIME FAVORITES. HE'S ONE OF THE GUYS I'D ALWAYS IMITATE. JUST COMING OFF THE TOP ROPE AND FEELING YOURSELF FREE-FALL IS A STRAIGHT-UP COOL SENSATION. IT'S A TOTAL ADRENALINE RUSH."





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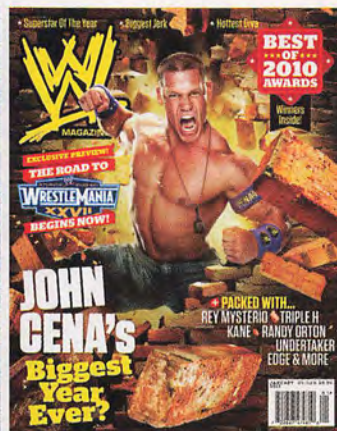


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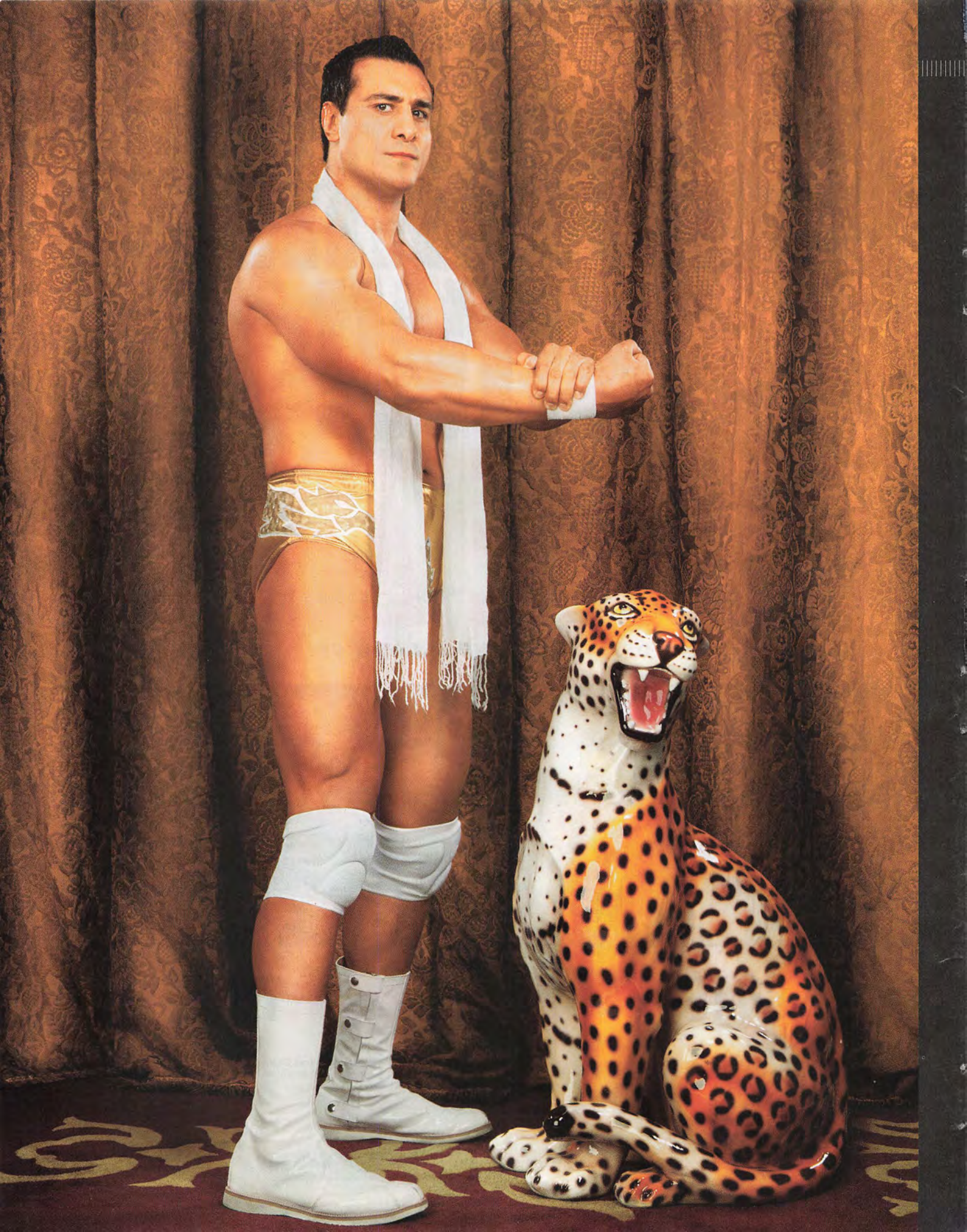
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ther." That's an amazing coincidence.

It was. When I saw that photo I was surprised, but my grandpa was a really important person in my life. He raised me, and took me to school and amateur wrestling practice. Seeing that photo made me really happy. I remember his house and that horrible dog. I was always afraid of it. But I have conquered my fears, and now have a statue of my own. It's a leopard, which is better than a silly dog.

As a third-generation wrestler, do you feel any added pressure to honor your family's rich history?

There was some pressure at the beginning, but to be honest, I think that's why my father and grandfather took me to train in amateur wrestling, jujitsu, boxing—they were getting me ready for all of this. And I *hated* them for it. I grew up in the business, and the locker room, and I saw all the legends from Mexico, Japan and the United States. But when you're a kid and you want to go play with your friends, and your father or grandfather says, "No, you have to go to wrestling practice," you get angry. I hated them. But at this moment, all I can say is "thanks" to my father and grandpa. Because I'm in WWE right now, one step away from being the World Heavyweight Champion.

You cut eight weeks of promos before your debut. Don't you think a week or two would have been sufficient?

Not for Alberto Del Rio. A guy like me needs 100 weeks of promos. Eight weeks was enough to let people get a feel for who I am, but I could have talked about myself for another 92 weeks. I'm not a new guy. I'm not a rookie. I'm a third-generation wrestler. And I'm a guy with experience. The long promo time made it so that people were aching to see Alberto Del Rio. And when they finally did, they said, "Oh, he's not just some rich guy—he's someone who can really, really wrestle." Because I am, and I can.

It's interesting, then, that Christian referred to you as a "Mexican JBL." Considering your experience, did you think that was an unfair comparison?

Some members of the WWE Universe call me that as well. And yes, I think it is unfair. JBL was one person, and I'm a different person. He was American, and I'm Mexican. And our styles are totally different. Sure, some things are alike...the money, the big entrance, our classic manliness, our hatred of Rey Mysterio. But to say we are the same is lazy, which is why so many of you Americans are making the comparison, I think. All rich people are *not* the same!

Speaking of your hatred of Rey, what's the deal there? He's arguably the most famous masked wrestler in history.

Currently, Rey Mysterio represents Latin people all over the place. But that should be me. He's short. He's ugly. He's everything I'm not. People all over the world think Mexicans are ugly and short and classless as a result of Rey's fame—and I want to change that. I don't like him.

Another man who seems to represent Latinos all over the world is your personal ring announcer, Ricardo Rodriguez. What's his story?

Ricardo Rodriguez is simply a guy who admires me. For him, it's an honor to work for Alberto Del Rio. He doesn't care about the money; he just wants to serve me. And I don't really care about him. He does a good job, but we don't hang out...ever. He is like my Mexican Virgil.

Interestingly, you have your own ring announcer, but not your own driver. What's the reasoning there?

To show the people that I'm humble! I'm just like them. And when you have cars like me, you do not want anyone else to drive them. I have a Shelby Cobra. I have a Mercedes Maclaren. They are amazing automobiles. But I don't just collect incredible cars. I also collect property. I have a house for every car.

Speaking of all things humbling—tell us about your finisher. You introduce yourself every time you come to the ring, but we still don't know the name of your brutal finishing move.

That is because there is no name worthy of how amazing it is. The commentators call it the cross-arm breaker, but it's so much more than that. If a fan came up with a really good name, I might pay them for it. Perhaps I will have a contest. That's how my father's name, *Dos Caras*, came about in Mexico. It was in a magazine, and a fan designed the mask and came up with the name. I certainly have the money to spare. Americans are always coming to Mexicans with work opportunities, so it's the least I can do. I'll have Ricardo work out the details. 🐾

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* The Charge

CHILD ENDANGERMENT

At the Slammy Awards, you verbally lashed out at the Angry Face Girl, who earned the honor, "WWE Universe Fan Reaction of the Year." Making matters worse, you absconded with the poor child's award!

* The Defense

"She's what? Nine years old? Give me a break. Where was my Slammy for Superstar of the Year? I won the United States Championship, the WWE Tag Team Championship and the WWE Championship all in a single year! What has this kid done? Nothing, that's what! I am the ultimate champion in WWE and way more deserving of a Slammy than some kid who made a face on TV."

* The Charge

CONSPIRACY

During your match against Jerry Lawler on the 11/29/10 edition of *Raw*, Michael Cole entered the ring and interrupted the bout, costing Lawler the title. Are you guys in cahoots?

* The Defense

"Oh please! These charges are completely ridiculous. I had no idea Michael Cole was going to pull a stunt like that. Let me spell it out for you: Michael Cole is like Stevie on *Eastbound & Down*. On that show, Stevie is Kenny Powers' biggest fan, and will do anything to impress him. Michael Cole is my Stevie—he just wants to get as close to greatness as possible, and it sometimes makes him do crazy things. But in the end, can you blame him?"

* The Charge

AGGRAVATED BATTERY

You took advantage of a wounded Randy Orton during the 11/22/10 installment of *Raw*, cashing in your Money In The Bank chance, knowing full well that The Viper couldn't properly defend his title. Do you have any sense of honor, sir?

* The Defense

"Randy has nothing to complain about because I gave him fair warning. I told him, and every champion before him, that I was going to cash in my Money In The Bank contract at a time that was opportune for me. A champion must always be prepared to defend his title. If you're not ready to defend that title 24/7, then you have no business being champion. Move over and let the real champions compete."

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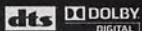


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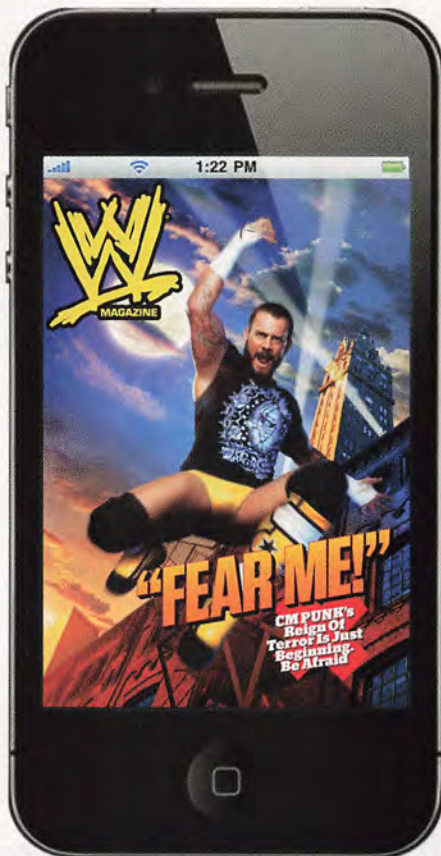
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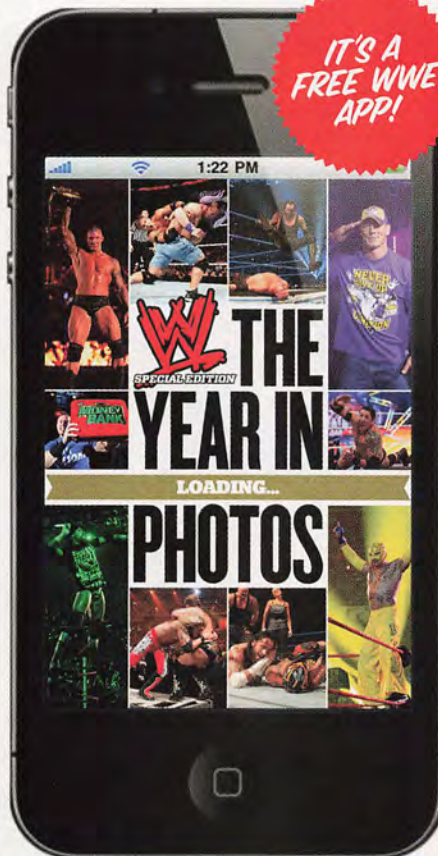
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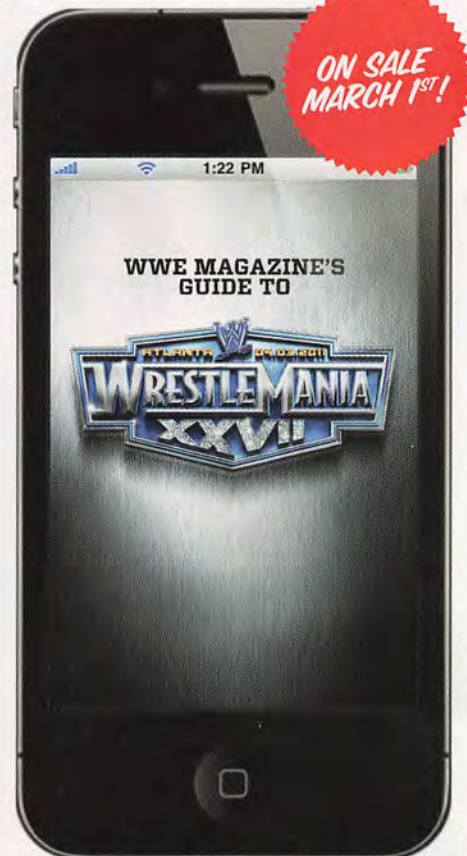
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Bling Of The Ring

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INSPIRATION

★ "Our biggest question was, 'How can we best graphically represent our brand?' This is going to be worn by an icon. How can we create a ring worthy of that distinction? We started by looking at a lot of Super Bowl rings, but we wanted to scale things back a bit, so we looked at World Series rings from the '50s and things along those lines to give the ring a classier, more old-school feel."

LOGO

★ "For a time, we considered including the WWE Hall of Fame logo, but we eventually abandoned it because we wanted something that stood on its own and wouldn't be tied to a graphic that might change. So we went with something simple and classic."



FACT!

The rings were first introduced in 2007, but every WWE Hall of Fame member going back to 1993 has received one.

RING ROPES

★ "The ring ropes are obviously very important to our business, so they were incorporated into the design, subtly holding the center stone in place. There were some challenges in creating the ropes, in terms of what you're limited to by the space you have to work with. But I think we ultimately captured the depth and texture we were looking for."



CENTER STONE

★ "We went with a ruby because red and black are the colors that truly represent WWE. Those are our brand colors. We also had a lot of questions about the placement of the company logo. Should it be underneath the stone? On top? We ultimately placed it on top. We also considered including the old block logo, for nostalgia's sake."



WRESTLERS

★ "The two wrestlers were actually drawn by one of our art directors, Michael Delaporte. We didn't want to get specific to any one Superstar, so we didn't show finishing moves or anything that would immediately identify someone. We wanted to pay tribute to the heritage of the business in a very universal way, and I think this image does that."



MY MOST UNDERRATED MATCHES

Superstars reveal the lesser-known bouts they hold in high esteem. Now starring: **John Morrison**



vs. Charlie Haas *Raw*, 6/5/06
"Charlie was in a rush to make it to the ring, and bumped Lilian Garcia off the apron. The crowd booed him the rest of the match!"



vs. Tyson Kidd *WWE Superstars*, 7/30/09
"Tyson and I are similar athletically, and we think outside the box, which translates to good in-ring chemistry."



vs. Finlay and Hornswoggle *Night of Champions*, 6/29/08
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"I love the Superstars' ring gear. I look forward to seeing the crazy outfits they wear each week!"

1. In his heyday, Bret Hart once appeared at how many consecutive *WrestleManias*?

"Not sure." (No guess? Twelve.)



2. Who is credited with coining the term "*WrestleMania*"?

"Hulk Hogan." (Howard Finkel.)



3. Which *Manias* were held at Madison Square Garden?

"The first, *WMX* and *WMXX*. Three!"



4. What was the first *Mania* to be held outside of America?

"*WrestleMania VI* was in Canada."



5. Which location hosted back-to-back *WrestleManias*?

"I'm stumped!" (Atlantic City, NJ.)



6. Who sang "America the Beautiful" at *WMXXVI*?

"Fantasia."



7. Other than HBK, who has wrestled "Taker at two *Manias*?"

"Kane."



8. What was the opening match at *WrestleMania 21*?

"Rey Mysterio vs. Eddie Guerrero."



9. Stone Cold and The Rock met at how many *Manias*?

"Three."



10. True or False? *Mania* has actually been held inside a baseball stadium?

"Yes. True! Safeco Field."



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Katy Perry's WWE Connection

We've noticed that the pop diva's attire mirrors the ring gear of our Superstars. Could she be a secret WWE admirer? Or is it the other way around?

FACT!

Katy Perry is the niece of Frank Perry, director of such '80s Hollywood fare as *Mommie Dearest* and *Hello Again*.



DRIVING BOYS WILD!

Long before Katy was a "Teenage Dream," HBK was living the boyhood dream in zebra stripes!



ATTACKING ZACK'S CLOSET!

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STARS IN STRIPES!

Swagger is The All-American American, but it's Katy who lights our fireworks.



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Just when you think you know all the answers, Katy changes the outfit!



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The Bizarre One loves all that glitters—and now, glancing at Katy's evening wear, so do we!



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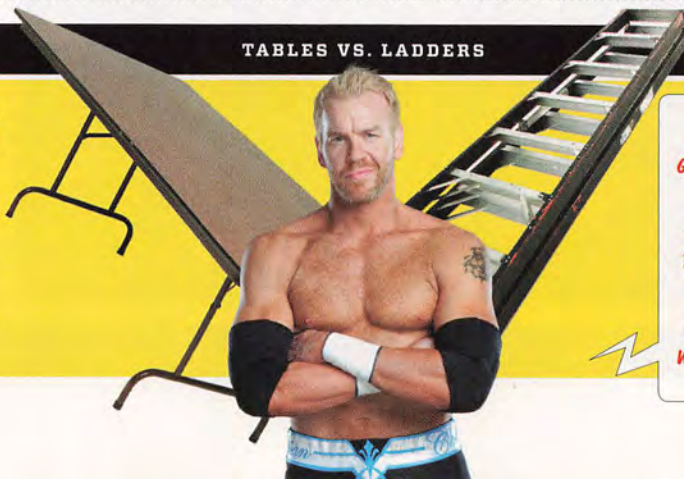
So, we have to ask, does this mean Katy is a card-carrying Chain Gang Soldier?



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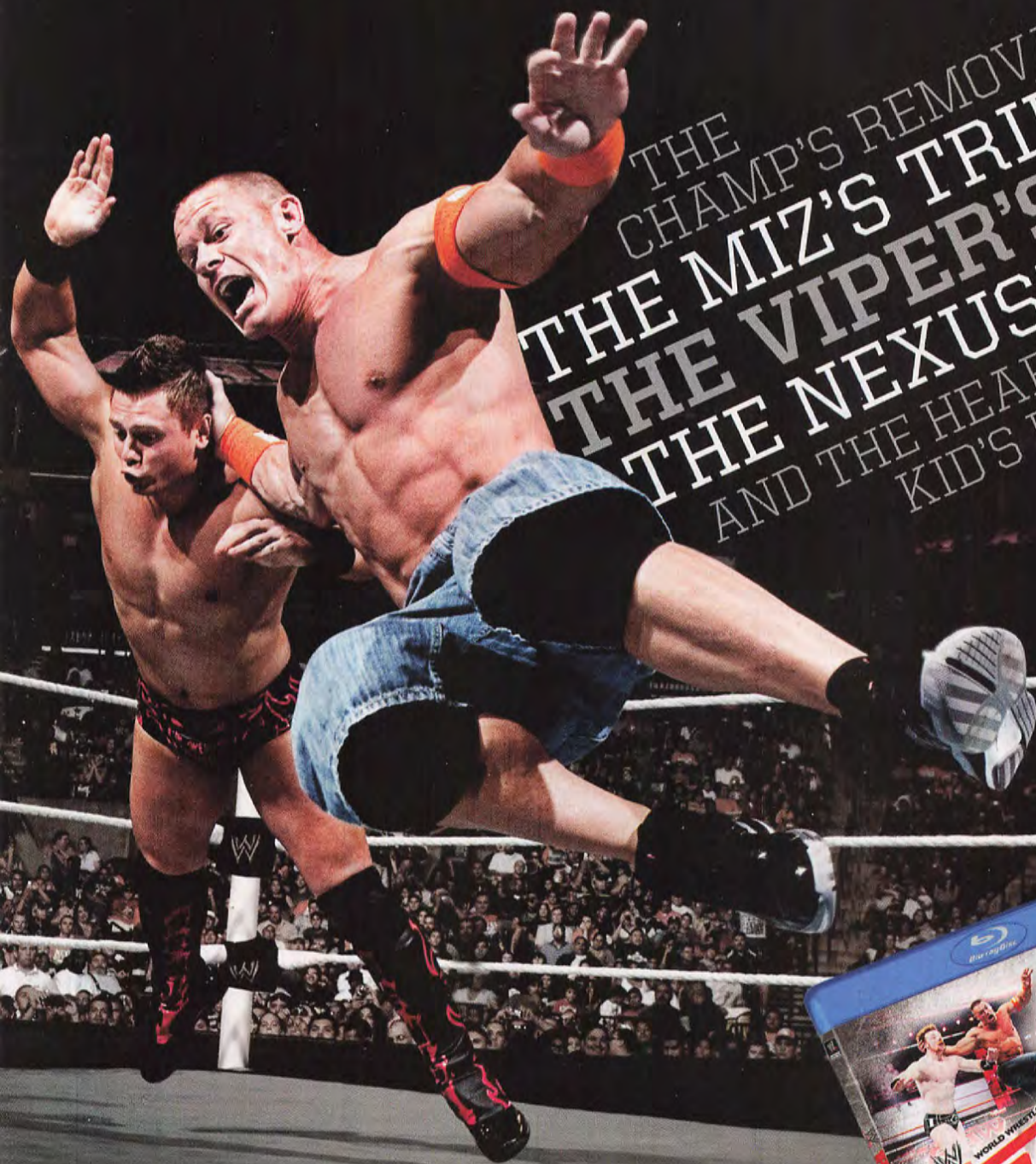
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Is it more painful to fall off a ladder or through a table? TLC innovator and expert **Christian** settles the debate.



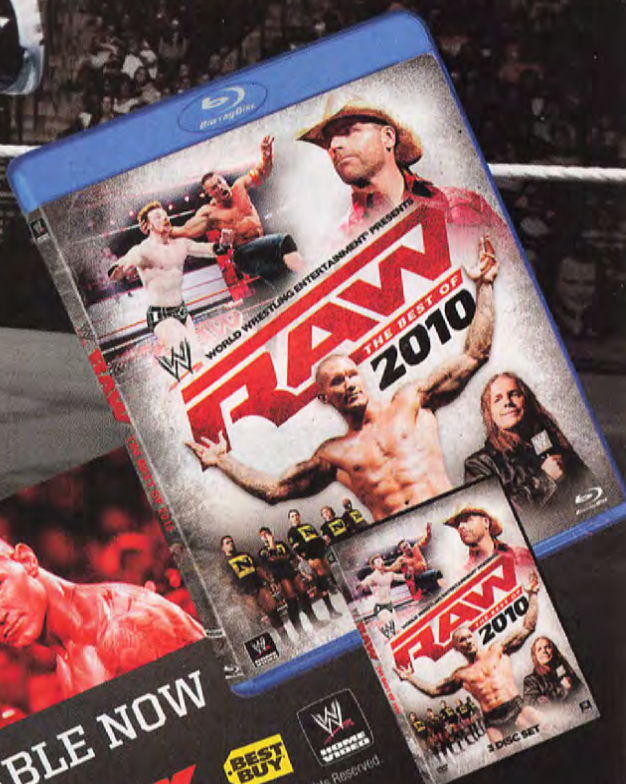
"LADDERS ARE WAY WORSE ALL AROUND, WHETHER YOU'RE FALLING OFF OF THEM OR GETTING HIT WITH THEM. THERE ARE SO MANY SHARP CORNERS AND ANGLES. PLUS, THE THICKER PART AT THE BOTTOM IS HEAVIER THAN AT THE TOP, SO IT'S REALLY AWKWARD TO WIELD—WHICH MEANS WHEN YOU GET HIT, IT CAN HURT IN ANY NUMBER OF WAYS. AS BAD AS IT IS TO GO THROUGH A TABLE, AT LEAST THE TABLE BREAKS YOUR FALL SOMEWHAT. WITH A LADDER, ANY WAY YOU GET HIT, YOU'LL STILL FEEL IT THREE DAYS LATER."

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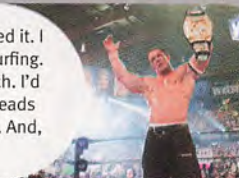
Stopping at five-year intervals, Tyler Reks takes us back through his 20-year love affair with WWE.



5 YEARS AGO...2006



"I was living in California and working as a civil engineer. I hated it. I was like a caged lion. The only thing that kept me going was surfing. I'd surf in the morning before work and sometimes during lunch. I'd run down, catch waves, shower and head back to work. The dreads actually came from my surfing life. They were like my rebellion. And, of course, I was DVR-ing *Raw* and *SmackDown* all the time."



FACT!
In 1991, the Internet went public, and the number of users hit the 1 million mark.

10 YEARS AGO...2001



"I was in college in 2001, and all about hitting the books. I was a total book nerd. I had no life. I didn't have cable, so I had to go to my buddy's house to watch *Raw*. We couldn't even pool for PPVs, we were all so poor. We had to just read up on the results later. I loved Austin at that time, just like everyone else. And I loved Kurt Angle. I never could figure out where he got his energy from."



15 YEARS AGO...1996



"I got into my first fight that year. I was on the varsity wrestling team and dating this girl. This guy was being really rude to her and I decided to settle it. I ended up getting suspended for five days, but it was cool. At that time, my brother and I watched WWE all the time. When The Rock debuted, that was it for us. We'd cheer for him so loudly that my mom would yell at us to be quiet."



20 YEARS AGO...1991



"In junior high, I was semi-popular, and I had these really baggy MC Hammer pants. I probably looked like an idiot, but I didn't care at the time. Back then I was a huge Bret Hart fan. I wanted to be in the front row so badly so I could get his glasses! I begged my dad to get us tickets, but we never could. He caught me calling into the hotline a few times, trying to score tickets."



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BIG MISTAKE

GAG REEL

WWE Video Historian **Eddie Miguez** digs into the archives to unearth this embarrassing footage.

JANUARY 24, 1999

During a brutal "I Quit" Match at the 1999 *Royal Rumble*, The Rock's championship bid suffered a setback. Just as he was preparing to deliver the Rock Bottom to Mankind onto the Spanish announce table, the weight of the Superstars caused the table to collapse. Oops!



The Rock prepares to seal the deal on his bid for the WWE Title...



That's when the table buckles under 500 pounds of Superstar sinew.



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Fuzzy Numbers

Dear *WWE Magazine*,
Your stat breakdown of the Royal Rumble ("Royal Numbers," January 2011) left me confused. Can you clarify your math, here? Your analysis showed that it's more difficult to win the Rumble from the No. 2 spot (.18 percent) than from the No. 1 spot (.24 percent). Why is that?
Evan J., via e-mail

Entrants No. 1 and No. 2 begin the match at exactly the same time, so there's no strategic advantage to either position. But let us ask you, when you flip a coin, does Heads sometimes come up more than Tails, or vice versa? Sure. And that's sorta what happened here. When our computer randomized the outcomes between these two positions, the No. 2 spot won out by .06 percent.

Short On Long

Dear *WWE Magazine*,
You thought you could put one over us, eh, *WWE Magazine*? You handed out an award for "GM of the Year" in your January issue, and announced the winner in a teeny, tiny little crawl along the bottom of Page 53. You chose the Anonymous Raw GM, hoping us Teddy Long fans wouldn't notice. But we did...and now you have some explaining to do, playas.
Kiley E., San Diego, CA

We love Teddy Long! He endured a heckuva year: He was forced to kneel down before Drew McIntyre, have Undertaker serve as his personal chauffeur on a limo ride from hell, and he suffered the shrill squeals of "SmackDown Consultant" Vickie Guerrero (of course, we all had to deal with that). But the Raw GM had his share of ups, downs, and warranty-busting punches to the face as well. Plus, we can play WoW on the Raw GM...and that puts him over the top.



"You missed a spot!"

Sanitary Reks?

Dear *WWE Magazine*,
After reading your suggestions for "Fan Resolutions" in the January issue, I was inspired to make my own WWE-related promise for the year: I will not shower until Tyler Reks does. How much longer do you think I'll have to wait?
Bart V., via e-mail

Tyler Reks transformed from fun-loving, dreadlocked surfer dude to fan-hating, dreadlocked monster. Even so, we dared to approach Reks and ask him about his hygiene. Very nicely. His response?



"I MAY LOOK LIKE A SAVAGE, BUT THIS ISN'T THE JUNGLE. I PROBABLY SHOWER MORE THAN MOST PEOPLE. ONCE IN THE MORNING, AGAIN AFTER WORKING OUT, AND THEN AGAIN AT NIGHT. BUT MY DREADS ONLY SEE WATER TWO-TO-THREE TIMES A WEEK. THAT'S MY SECRET TO KNAPPINESS."

You Had To Be...Where?

Dear *WWE Magazine*,
When I opened my January issue, I immediately flipped to the back page to read "You Had To Be There...," which is easily my favorite recurring feature in the magazine. I was shocked to see the menacing grasp of Kane. I liked the photo, but have we seen the last of "You Had To Be There..."?
Glenn S., Mt. Carroll, IL

It's not gone! We merely decided to mix things up a bit, and freshen the back page. Meanwhile, we're collecting fantastic new "You Had To Be There..." stories from Superstars, with the tales to appear in the Brawl section of the magazine soon.



LETTER OF THE MONTH



Trophy size is in inverse proportion to ego.

OUR BIG MIZ-TAKE?

Dear *WWE Magazine*,
Really? The Miz won the *WWE Magazine* Fantasy Football League? Really?!? I didn't realize you could cheat at Fantasy, but I guess that where there's a will there's a way.
Michael C., via e-mail

Yes...The Miz took the championship home, and frankly, it wasn't even close: His point total of 1,676 for the year was in the 99.8 percentile for all ESPN standard scoring leagues, which means if you had a Fantasy Football team this year, he probably would have beaten you, too. He led the league the entire season and won his playoff matchups by a combined 175 points. Hate to admit it, but this year, his stats were awesome. His trophy, however, was less than awesome. Compare it to the trophy Kofi Kingston received for being the runner-up! Well done, Boom Squad!

THIS MONTH'S WINNER

For his letter, Michael will receive *The Best of Raw 2010*. Next month's winner takes home this Essential Grooming Kit from Lucky Tiger (luckytiger.com). See Page 61 for details!

WIN!





COLE-BLOODED

Slammy Slammed

Dear *WWE Magazine*,
How is it that Michael Cole
has won two Slammys,
and Superstars with
actual talent such as Kofi
Kingston have won none?
Kevin G., Perry, OK

Sometimes the squeaky wheel gets the award, and Cole is undoubtedly the squeakiest announcer in the history of WWE broadcasting. Most likely because he's part rat. But in all seriousness, it should also be noted that Cole took home the gold for the "And I Quote..." Line of the Year. Perhaps if there were a "Boom...Boom...Boom" Moment of the Year, Kingston would be a shoo-in. The real question is, who's naming these awards?



Hairdo Ado

Dear *WWE Magazine*,
You gave Drew McIntyre the "Hair of the Year" Award, which I find completely unbelievable. How could you overlook Ricardo Rodriguez, who sports the sweetest 'do in WWE?
Hillary H., New York, NY

Listen—we're in awe of Rodriguez's majestic butt-cut, too. But he debuted in August, which was too late to qualify for "Hair of the Year" honors. If his amazingly dated hairstyle is around next year, we guarantee he'll score a nomination.



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TWEET OF THE MONTH

Straight from our feed to your face.

Christian4Peeps: Been waiting outside this Starbucks bathroom 45mins. Knew the yrs of practicing holding my breath underwater in the pool would pay off 1day!



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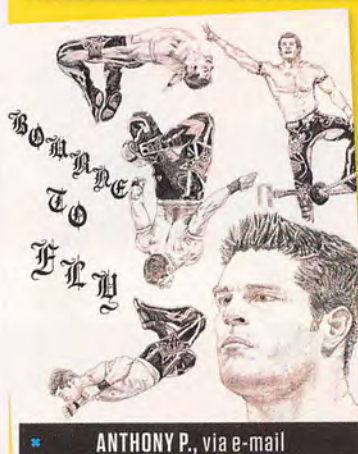
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COMING UP ON PAY-PER-VIEW

March

The Entire Month In World Wrestling Entertainment®

1

SmackDown
Cleveland, OH
6:45 pm

ROYAL RUMBLE

Royal Rumble 2011
DVD is released



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49 Years Ago Today

Philadelphia 76ers center Wilt Chamberlain scores an NBA record 100 points in a single game against the New York Knicks.



HISTORIC MOMENT

3

80 Years Ago Today

President Herbert Hoover makes "The Star-Spangled Banner" the official national anthem of the United States.



HISTORIC MOMENT

WRESTLEMANIA

The WrestleMania Story
DVD is released



SmackDown
Kansas City, MO
6:30 pm

Get Your Brackets Ready:
March Madness begins today, with 68 teams vying for the NCAA Championship!

15

7 Years Ago Today

John Cena scores his first taste of WWE gold—the U.S. Championship—when he beats Big Show at WMXX.



WWE MOMENT

14

Spring Forward!
Daylight Savings Time begins today.

Raw Live Event
Oklahoma City, OK 3 pm

SmackDown
Moline, IL 3 pm

230 Years Ago Today

William Herschel discovers the seventh planet in the solar system, Uranus. Middle-school boys everywhere rejoice.

HISTORIC MOMENT

13

Raw Live Event
Wichita, KS 7:30 pm

SmackDown Live Event
Cedar Rapids, IA 7:30 pm

4 Years Ago Today

Donald Trump attacks Mr. McMahon on Raw during their contract signing on the road to WrestleMania 23.

WWE MOMENT

16

Happy Birthday

to former Raw Guest Star Flavor Flav, as well as 30 Rock alum and WWE Superfan Judah Friedlander!



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Happy St. Patrick's Day, WWE Universe!



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Raw Live Event
Hartford, CT 7:30 pm

Wordplay!

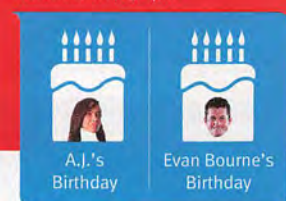
The American Crossword Puzzle Tournament kicks off today in Brooklyn, NY. Hmm, what's a seven-letter synonym for "pasty"? Try "Sheamus."



19

Raw Live Event
New York, NY 7:30 pm

SmackDown Live Event
Roanoke, VA 7:30 pm



31

15 Years Ago Today

In one of the greatest bouts in WWE history, HBK pins Bret Hart in overtime after their taxing 60-Minute Iron Man Match at WMXII for his first WWE Title.



WWE MOMENT

30

3 Years Ago Today

Kane wins a 24-Man Battle Royal at WrestleMania XXIV to earn an immediate ECW Championship Match, in which he'd crush Chavo Guerrero in a matter of seconds—a WWE record.



WWE MOMENT

24 Years Ago Today

Ricky "The Dragon" Steamboat defeats "Macho Man" Randy Savage for the Intercontinental Title at WrestleMania III in a classic bout that Dolph Ziggler and others count among their all-time favorites.



29

12 Years Ago Today

Stone Cold and The Rock clash for the first time ever at WrestleMania XV. The Texas Rattlesnake defeats The Great One for the WWE Title.



WWE MOMENT

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Georgia Dome; Atlanta, GA



**EXTREME
RULES**

MAY 1 • 6:45PM ET
St. Pete Times Forum; Tampa, FL



MAY 22 • 7:45PM ET
Key Arena; Seattle, WA



4

Raw Live Event

Baton Rouge, LA 7:30 pm

45 Years Ago Today

John Lennon causes a major brouhaha when he tells a British newspaper that The Beatles are "bigger than Jesus."



HISTORIC MOMENT

5

Raw Live Event

Alexandria, LA 7:30 pm

SmackDown Live Event

Albuquerque, NM 7:30 pm

The Last Great Race!

The 1,150-mile Iditarod dogsled race begins today in Anchorage, AK. Mush!



HISTORIC MOMENT

6

Raw Live Event

College Station, TX 5 pm

SmackDown Live Event

Waco, TX 5 pm

171 Years Ago Today

The city of Toronto is incorporated. The Canadian hub goes on to host *WMVI* and *WMXS*.



HISTORIC MOMENT

7

Raw

Dallas, TX 7:15 pm

Happy Casimir Pulaski Day!

To all of our readers living in Chicago—including CM Punk—this one's for you.



The Chaperone
DVD is released



SmackDown

Houston, TX

6:30 pm

Mardi Gras Begins Today

As John Cena said: "There is magic on Bourbon Street."



Michael Tarver's Birthday

12



Now In Theaters!

The sci-fi thriller *Battle: Los Angeles*, starring Aaron Eckhart and Michelle Rodriguez, and *Red Riding Hood*, the re-imagining of the classic fairy tale starring Amanda Seyfried, open today in cinemas nationwide.

11

14 Years Ago Today

Joss Whedon's cult classic, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, debuts. Rumors of a big-screen reboot continue to swirl.



HISTORIC MOMENT

10

2 Years Ago Today

JBL defeats CM Punk for the I-C Title on *Raw*, only to lose it to Rey Mysterio months later at *WrestleMania*.



Melina's Birthday

WWE MOMENT

9

20

Raw Live Event

Newark, NJ 5 pm

SmackDown

Charleston, WV 5 pm

2 Years Ago Today

MVP rebounds from a 20-week long losing streak to defeat Shelton Benjamin for the U.S. Title on *SmackDown*.



WWE MOMENT

21

48 Years Ago Today

San Francisco's Alcatraz prison is emptied of its last inmates, setting the stage for the 1996 action flick, *The Rock*, starring Nic Cage, and not Dwayne Johnson.



Raw

Pittsburgh, PA 8:15 pm

HISTORIC MOMENT

22

SmackDown

Columbus, OH
6:45 pm



Elimination Chamber 2011
DVD is released



23

14 Years Ago Today

Undertaker defeats Sycho Sid in The Deadman's first *WrestleMania* main event to take home the WWE Title at *WM13* and bring his winning streak to a modest 6-0.



WWE MOMENT

28

Raw Live Event

Indianapolis, IN 5 pm

SmackDown Live Event

East Lansing, MI 5 pm

23 Years Ago Today

Randy Savage defeats Ted DiBiase in the finals of a tournament to crown the new WWE Champion at *WMIV*.



WWE MOMENT

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Raw Live Event

Evansville, IN 7:30 pm

SmackDown Live Event

Grand Rapids, MI 7:30 pm

And They're Off!

The richest horse race in the world, the \$1 million Dubai World Cup, is today.



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Raw Live Event

Champaign, IL 7:30 pm

9 Years Ago Today

The first-ever WWE Draft is held on *Raw*. Who was the inaugural Superstar draftee, you ask? The Rock.

WWE MOMENT

25

20 Years Ago Today
Hulk Hogan wins his third WWE Title—and scores a victory for America—when he defeats that evil turncoat Sgt. Slaughter at *WrestleMania VII* in Los Angeles.



Jack Swagger's Birthday

WWE MOMENT

24

DON'T MISS IT! ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Batista vs. Randy Orton
Extreme Rules
6/7/09

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WWE JUL 2010



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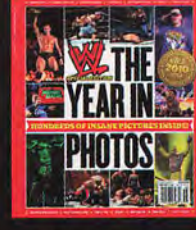
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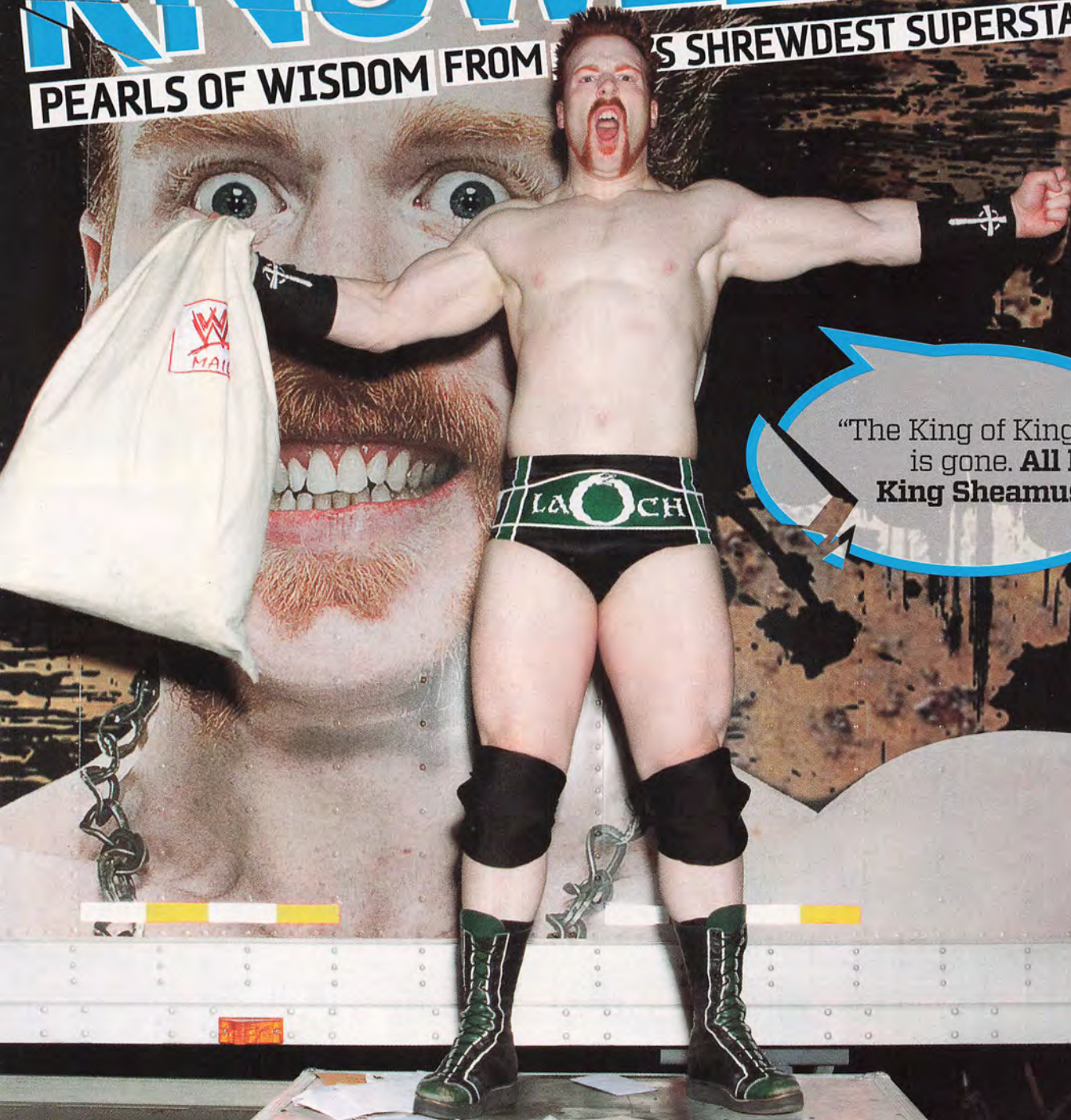
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PEARLS OF WISDOM FROM THE SHREWDEST SUPERSTARS




"The King of Kings is gone. **All hail King Sheamus.**"

"The picture behind me is *this* big!"

PAY PER VIEW

Cash For Questions

 The King Of The Ring recalls his childhood days, and tries to forget his loss to Santino.

Q You're on your way to becoming a legendary Superstar. Who poses the biggest threat to your legacy?

Orson D., Walterboro, SC

A John Morrison is close, because he's one of the only people I've ever lost to. That really got my attention, and before he beat me, I wouldn't have ever given him a chance. I know Morrison's never fought anyone as tough as me or as strong as me, and as a result, he's been more aggressive than at any time in his career. He has to be, 'cause I hit harder than anyone he's ever faced. He's lucky he can do those aerial moves, because it makes him harder to catch and smash. I think people have enjoyed watching us battle it out, and I'm going to enjoy beating him. He shouldn't have helped Santino beat me. Now he's paying for it.

Q After months of waiting, I got my hands on a Sheamus action figure. It's as pale as you. Almost.

Stephen W., Gettysburg, PA

A Yeah, it's close. I have one on a shelf in my office. I got a Flex Force figure and a regular one. I sent some to people who said I'd never succeed, just to rub it in their faces. I signed them, too. It was nice to be able to do that, to the people who doubted



me and said I'd never amount to anything. They each got a Sheamus figure for Christmas. The first time I saw it, I took it out of the box and put it on the shelf, with one foot pinning Drew McIntyre.

Q You're a big fan of U2. Will you see *Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark*, the Broadway play they helped compose?

Brett G., via e-mail

A From what I've heard, people are falling from the ceiling in that play. So unless I'm wearing a crash helmet during the show, I don't think so. I'd hate to be watching and end up with Spider-Man landing on top of me. That wouldn't be good for my rep. I think I'll give them a few months to iron out all the kinks, then go see it. Or maybe I'll just download the soundtrack.

Q You've made a lot of enemies in your rise to the top. Do you ever find yourself looking over your shoulder?

Carlos R., St. Paul, MN

A Never! Whom would I be looking for? Triple H? He's done. He's gone, man. I beat him. I gave him five Brogue Kicks to the head and I beat him. He's not even a flicker in my mind. Why would I look over my shoulder for someone I've already broken? If



He's got legs. He knows how to use them.

FACT!
Sheamus won the KO'N tournament a year and five months after his debut—faster than any other King.

Q The Brogue Kick is just a boot to the face. Anyone can do that! What makes your finisher so special?

Evan J., via e-mail

A First of all, my foot is a lot bigger than other peoples' feet. Secondly, it's not just a kick in the face; it's a *jumping* kick in the face. A lot of people put the boot up and wait for someone to run into it. But I get a lot of force by jumping. I kick it right through your head. It's like getting a French kiss from a battering ram.

he's got any sense at all, he'll stay gone—and if he does return, I'll be glad to send him back onto the sidelines. The King of Kings is gone. All hail King Sheamus.



that takes unwavering commitment, and I doubt you're up to the task. The easiest way is to show her you can put back some drinks. Then she'll be yours. If you can stand.

Q Why have you been picking on Santino lately? Surely he's too weak to be a threat to you.

Allen C., Peoria, IL

A Why *not* pick on the weak? They exist to be picked on and abused. I was trying to teach him a lesson. I wasn't picking on him randomly—he was the weak link on our *WWE Bragging Rights* team, and, as far as I'm concerned, he's the reason we lost. When he went down, we were immediately outnumbered seven to six. Then he embarrassed me by helping John Morrison beat me in front of thousands of people. But the biggest mistake he's made so far was beating me on *Raw*. That was the lowest point of my career. I'll never forget it, and I'll make sure he doesn't either.

Q How long do marks stay on your body after you're slapped, chopped and whipped?

Jacques B., Baton Rouge, LA

A It depends on who did the slapping. If it's Khali or Big Show, they can take a month to go away. If I compete in a match on the weekend and get a bruise or mark, even if it wasn't a hard hit, it'll show up on TV the next day. When Triple H lashed out at me with the Kendo Stick at *Extreme Rules*, it stuck around forever. The first shot felt like a bolt of lightning, like being whipped with a steel cable. It was as if he was trying to imprint his name into my back. Everything shows up on me. I'm like a dry-erase board.

Q If you were cast in a remake of *The Breakfast Club*, which high-school cliché would you portray? The cheerleader?

Iris A., Worcester, MA

A I'd be the bully. That's who I was, and that's who I am today. Once, at a kid's birthday party, I smashed the birthday boy's face into his own cake and then broke all his toys. And he was my friend! If someone was better-looking than me, I bullied him. If someone had better clothes than me, I took them. I'm a bully, through and through.



"Wanna see my lipstick trick?"



GOT A BURNING QUESTION?

In the coming months we'll be sorting through fan mail for Big Show, Edge and Alberto Del Rio. Send your queries to MAGAZINE@WWE.COM (subject line: "Cash for Questions"), or send it the hard way! (Snail it to: *WWE Magazine*, 1241 East Main Street, Stamford, CT 06902.) If it doesn't suck, we'll print it in the mag—and send you 20 bucks in cold, hard, spendin' cash.

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QUOTE!

"Sports is man-language and it's so hot when a girl can speak it."
—Brie Bella

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Turn Her Into A Sports Fan!

WITH
THE BELLA
TWINNS!

BY TERI ERRICO
PHOTOGRAPHY BY MARIUS BUGGE

The beautiful **Bellas** offer six tricks for transforming your lady friend into a fantasy league fiend.

1 Buy Her A Jersey!

Brie It's no secret that women love to dress up. Buy your girl something fun and fashionable for a sporting event, and she'll be more eager to participate. Make sure to choose a legit player's jersey, instead of printing her name on the back of it. As sweet as the gesture is, she'll be more likely to cheer on a real player if his name is written across her back. Be sure to select a top player, too—someone she can be proud to support!

Nikki But if she's definitely not the sporty type, you can spring for a girly jersey. I have a pink Phillip Rivers jersey that I love wearing. You can go all out for women these days! NFLShop.com offers these new "Fit Flirt" jerseys featuring zebra stripes and rhinestones, and also sells earrings and beanies. Believe it or not, Victoria's Secret also has a whole NFL line, with everything from cute women's tees to panties!

2 Join A Fantasy Team!

Nikki It's clutch to involve her in a fantasy football league or March Madness pool with you. Yahoo! and ESPN provide great free leagues. By adding in this competitive element, you'll get her more excited to know what's going on. I hear from a lot of friends who've entered fantasy leagues with their girlfriends or wives that the women have gotten into the sport because they want to win.

Brie Exactly. And since you'll handle most of the team's drafting, make sure she plays a part in the process, such as picking the name. Remember, it's a team thing. This is key: The second she senses it's a "you" thing, she'll lose all interest.

3 Let Her Crush On An Athlete!

Nikki This may be hard for the jealous type, but let her crush on a player from your favorite team. Let her fall in love with Miles Austin or Sydney Crosby or Derek Jeter. Face it, most girls watch sports to see the cute athletes anyway, and wouldn't you rather her watch the game for a silly reason like this than not watch at all?

Brie Besides, guys have crushes on professional athletes, too! Not in the romantic sense, but they totally obsess about the likes of LeBron James and Adrian Peterson.

4 Teach Her About The Game!

Brie Take the time to teach her the ropes and why it's so fun to watch a particular sport. Be patient with her, and she'll have the patience to watch.

Nikki And talk to her. Don't just give her *Football for Dummies*. While you're watching a game, encourage her to ask questions about positions or plays. She'll proudly show off her knowledge to impress friends!

5 Take Her To A Live Event!

Brie If your girl is watching a game for the first time, a live event is the way to go. There, you can feel the energy of the crowd. It's much more exciting in person, with a beer and hot dog in hand.

Nikki Make it memorable. Take her to a nice sports bar beforehand, while wearing her cute new jersey! She'll see other female fans and realize she belongs.

6 Bargain With Her!

Nikki If you feel your girl is still hesitant to watch the game with you, try a compromise. Suggest going to a basketball game, with the understanding that she gets to plan the next night out. Don't act as though her idea is punishment, though; be positive, and she'll feed off that energy.

Brie Definitely! Take one for the team and see the new Nicholas Sparks movie with her, or bring her to the wine bar she's been raving about. It's only fair. And who knows, maybe you'll discover a heretofore unknown love for chick flicks and pinot.



The Triple Crown

Superstars who've won the Intercontinental, a Tag Team and either of the World Championships are WWE Triple Crown Champions. But are *you* worthy of membership?

1 Only 20 WWE Superstars have achieved Triple Crown status. Can you identify these 11 faceless history-making champions?



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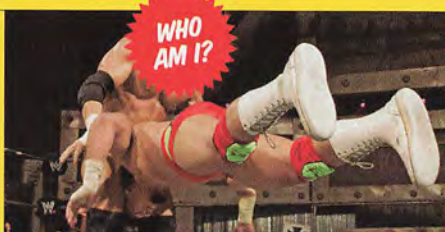
2 RECORD RECALL!

WWE Hall of Famer Pedro Morales was the first Superstar to complete the Triple Crown, after winning his first Intercontinental Title against Ken Patera on December 8, 1980. What other WWE record does Morales hold?

A FIRST SUPERSTAR TO WIN THE UNITED STATES CHAMPIONSHIP

B FIRST SUPERSTAR INDUCTED INTO THE WWE HALL OF FAME

C FIRST MAN TO WIN THE INTERCONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP TWICE



3 Name three Superstars who completed their Crowns at 'Mania.

A _____
B _____
C _____

4 WHO DOESN'T BELONG?

Two of the Superstars pictured below achieved Triple Crown status, at different times, by tag teaming with Shawn Michaels. Who's the odd man out?

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5 MAKE THE CONNECTION!
With respect to the Triple Crown, what do Chris Jericho, Triple H and Edge all have in common?

A EACH HAS HELD EVERY TITLE THAT COUNTS TOWARD CROWN STATUS

B EACH SUPERSTAR COMPLETED HIS TRIPLE CROWN IN THE SAME YEAR

C EACH WON THE HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE LAST TO COMPLETE THE CROWN



6 GUESS WHO!
HBK is not only a Triple Crown Champ, but a Grand Slam Champ, too. Which of the above Superstars can lay claim to the same impressive accolade?

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7 TRUE OR FALSE?
Thanks to his first-ever World Heavyweight Championship reign, The Rated-R Superstar, Edge, holds the record as the WWE Superstar to achieve Triple Crown status the fastest.

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8 GUESS ME!
Who helped Triple H win the World Tag Team Titles, thus becoming the seventh Triple Crown Champ?



WHO AM I?

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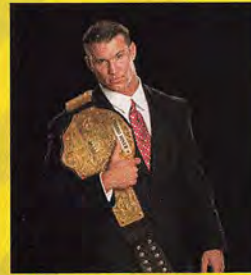
10 ORDER IT!
Put Triple Crown Champ Randy Orton's victories in chronological order.



A INTERCONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP



B WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP



C WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

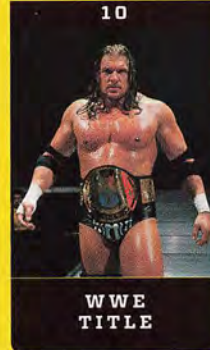
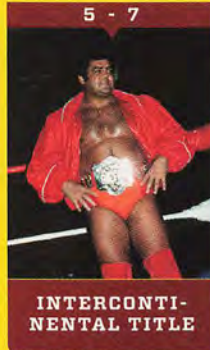
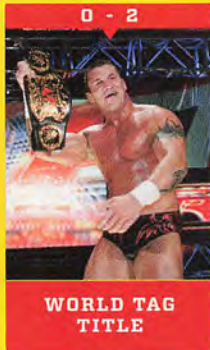
9 'MANIA MATCH!
At which of the *WrestleManias* below did Rey Mysterio, WWE's most recent Triple Crown member, pin Randy Orton to score his first World Heavyweight Championship?



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RATING SCALE

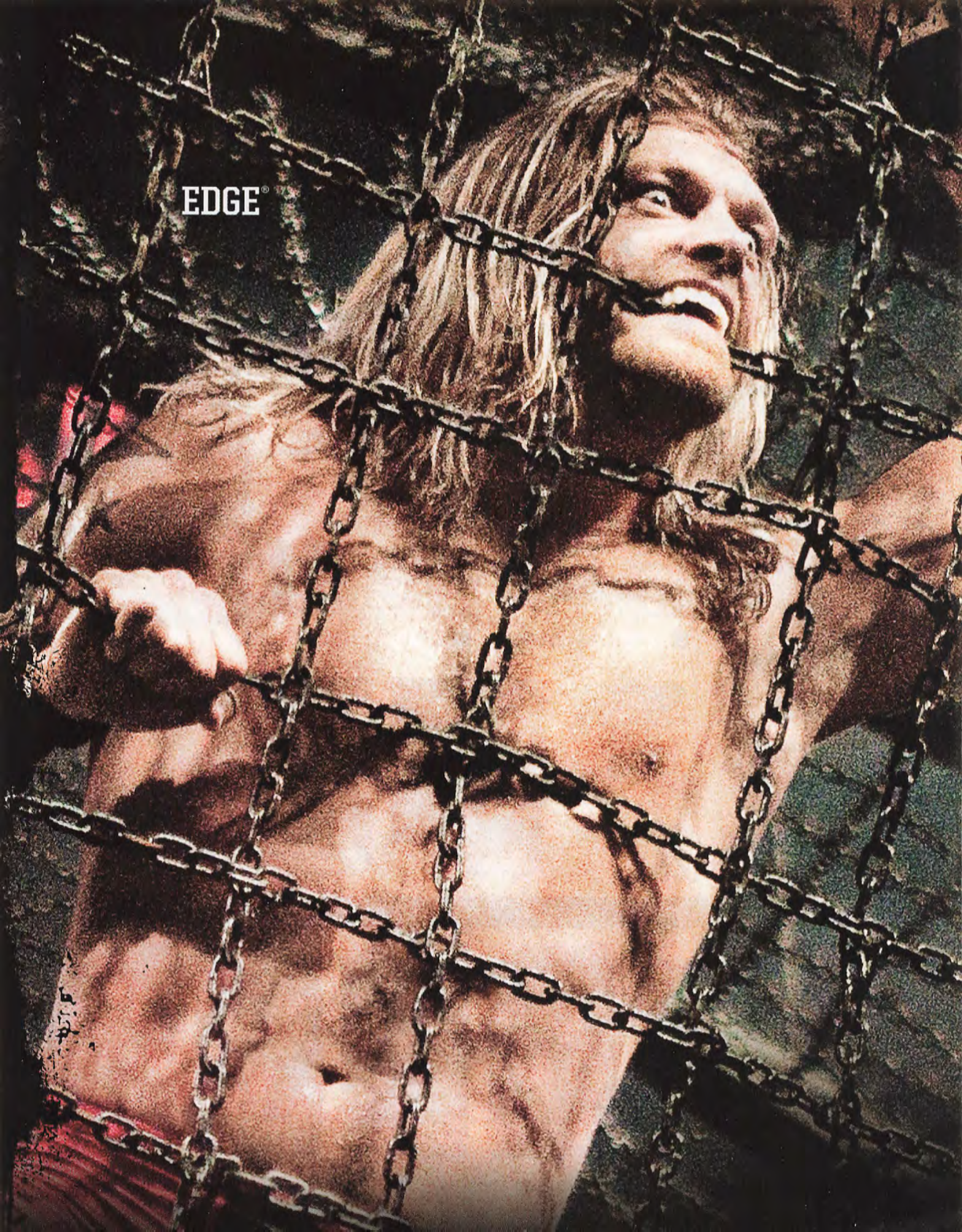
TIME'S UP!
You've reached the end of this mind-melting quiz, so relax your cranium and count up your rights and wrongs using the upside-down answer key below. Then see where you rank on the road to WWE glory.



ANSWERS

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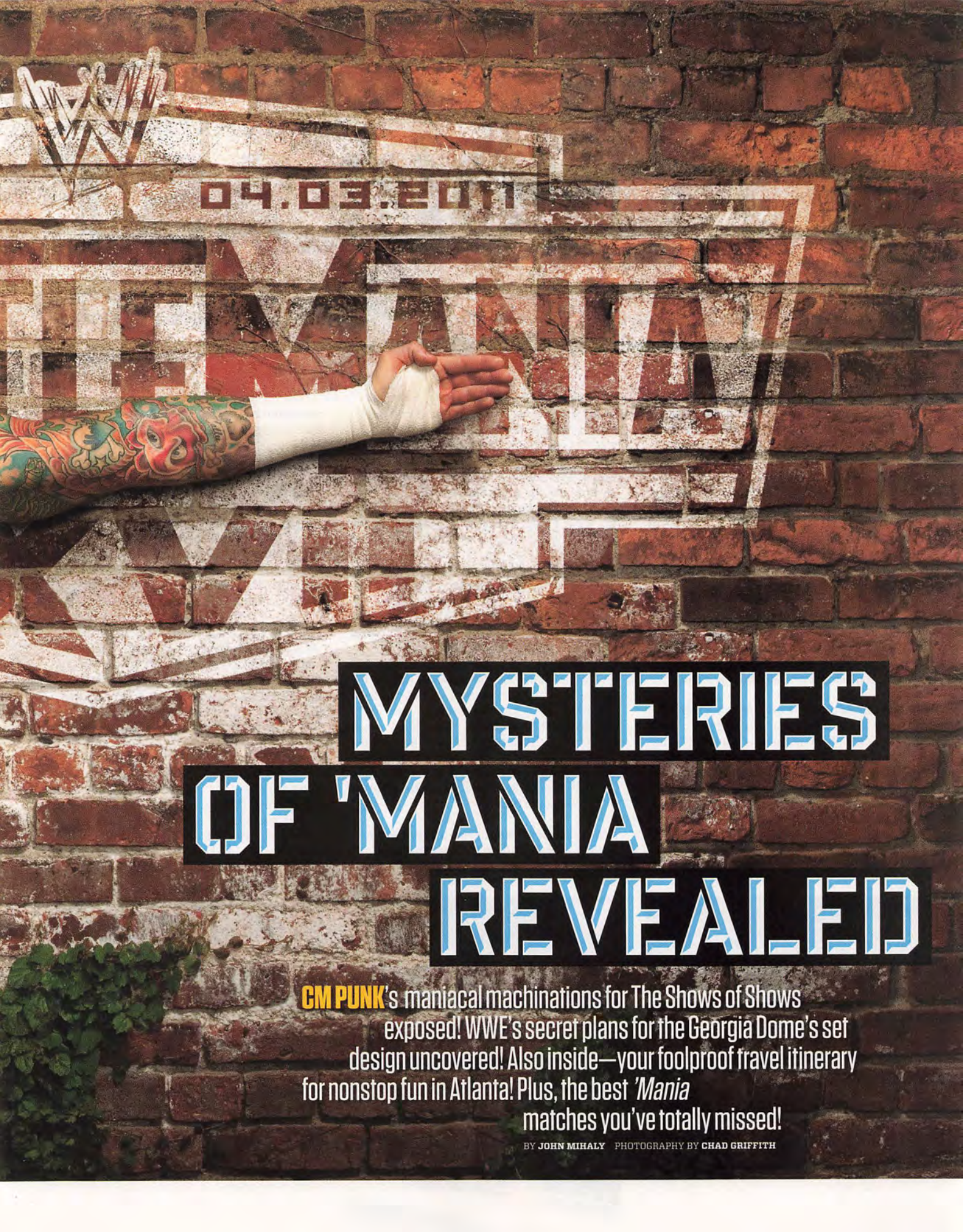
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CM PUNK can't be anyone but himself. His individuality (and his mouth) lands him in all manner of trouble with fans and Superstars alike. But it's also landed him at *WrestleMania* once again. Here, The Straight Edge Superstar uses his words as weapons, taking aim at John Cena before explaining why he's yet to have his definitive *'Mania* moment.

This year marks your fifth consecutive appearance at *WrestleMania*. As a veteran of the event, what do you most look forward to at The Show of Shows?

We're in different cities all the time, which is nice. *'Mania* week is treated as one event, so we're in one hotel for five, six or seven days, which is a luxury because we're not just blowing through. Atlanta is a pretty cool town that I'm familiar with, so I'm looking forward to going to some cool restaurants I know. I'm not telling you where, though, because people will want to follow me. I never disclose where I'm going. I thrive on high-pressure and tense situations, and basically the whole week is that. Everyone says that it's our Super Bowl. I don't give a damn about the Super Bowl; I only care about the World Series when the Cubs finally win it.

Does CM Punk have any *'Mania* rituals?

No, but last year for some reason, I told myself I was going to do 60 minutes of cardio every day for the 30 days leading up to *WrestleMania*. I really don't know why I did that.

What's been your defining *'Mania* moment so far, and what do you want your *WrestleMania* legacy to be?

Obviously, I'll always be known as the guy who

won back-to-back Money In The Bank Ladder Matches at *WrestleMania*. So I think that's the goal to beat. There aren't a lot of things that I have left to do. There are two titles that I haven't won: One of them is the United States Championship, and the other is the WWE Championship. I'm not one to think that I'm beyond the U.S. Title. I'm kind of a "collect-them-all" type. But I've got three big things left: I have to win a Royal Rumble; I have to main-event *'Mania*; and I have to win that WWE Title. So I don't think my defining *'Mania* moment's happened yet.

Rey Mysterio has his outfits. John Cena has his entrances. What does CM Punk do to mark each *WrestleMania*?

My *'Mania* gear used to be important to me, but it's kind of fallen by the wayside. I made the G.I. Joe camo trunks last year and I wore them that one time. I have no desire to wear them ever again. They're special. It's not like I'm ever going to sell them, they just sit in my house. I would love to do a goofy entrance like Kazushi Sakuraba or Jason "Mayhem" Miller, and walk out to the ring with dancers and everything. I think that would be fun.

Are you sick of people—and *WWE Mag* editors—bringing up the fact that you

were one of the gangsters in Cena's entourage at *'Mania 22* in Chicago?

No, I think it's awesome. And I think it tells a story. It doesn't get any cooler than that. I think there's the possibility that someday a main event of John Cena vs. CM Punk can tell a story about how far somebody has come through hard work and not kissing ass and by being himself.

Every year, following *'Mania*, there's an after-party for all the Superstars, sort of a wrestle-prom. What's the funniest thing that you've seen happen at one?

For some reason, the last two guys who have closed down the hall where we were having the party the past few years were Cena and myself. I just refuse to let that guy win. Being the Straight Edge guy, everyone is shocked that I even show up. One year we had a pose-down between Cody Rhodes and Santino. They were both in Speedos. We called it "Muscle *'Mania*." That was pretty strange. We even managed to offend Kid Rock. He was creeped out by Santino in a Speedo.

True or False: The last time someone called you "CM Sucks," you were in the fifth grade.

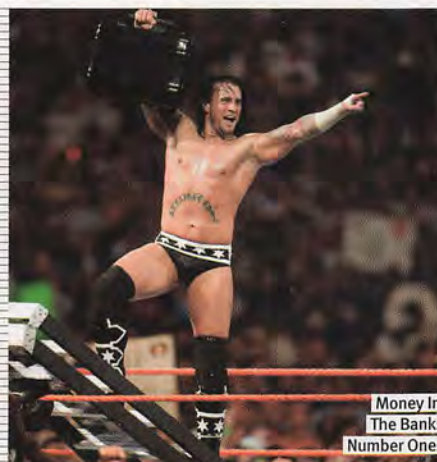
False. John Cena calls me that frequently, which makes me feel like I *am* in the fifth grade.



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You don't seem to share John Cena's unique sense of humor. Why isn't The Chain Gang Commander the champ at making you laugh?

Obviously, I'm a lot more sophisticated and refined than John Cena. Obviously, his audience is made up of dim-witted 12-year-olds. It can always be said that the kids and the girls will love John Cena, and the 18-and-older crowd will love whomever he's fighting against. There are many similarities in our senses of humor. Some of the childish things he says I would have laughed at while I was in third grade.

What does crack up a curmudgeon such as yourself?

You know, people falling down, car accidents where no one is killed or maimed. Snowboarding accidents. As long as it's not me. It's always funny until someone gets hurt, and then it's hilarious. George Carlin, he makes me laugh.

We once asked The Hitman, "Where does Bret Hart the wrestler stop and Bret Hart the man begin?" He answered by saying they were both the same person. Same question for you—how do you separate CM Punk the Superstar from the man?

I can't think of a better answer. When I'm on

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TV, I'm not playing an astronaut or trying to tell people that I'm something I'm not. I'm CM Punk and I'm Straight Edge. I go out there and I'm me. I think that's why Bret Hart was wildly popular, and I'm wildly hated. If you can't be yourself on TV it comes off as unnatural and forced. People won't buy that. Do I think I'm a jerk in real life? Sometimes, yes. But if somebody came up to you and shoved eight pictures of yourself at you in an airport at four in the morning, you tell me what you would do? Often, I politely decline, but then they say something snarky. And it's a get-out-of-jail-free card.

We've seen many looks from you this past year: The long-haired Charles Manson look. The Bald and Bearded Rasputin



CM Punk, busy collecting Nexus membership dues.

look. And now, a conservative, short-haired style. Which of these incarnations is the real CM Punk?

They're all the real CM Punk. I think the Charles Manson look was a good call because it was very important to what was going on at the time. It was a very racy, religious-esque cult leader kind of thing. Nobody had ever seen it before, so it sort of freaked people out and put them on edge, which is good.

You were sporting some pretty gnarly circles under your eyes for months. Now they seem to have cleared up. Were you not sleeping, or did you cultivate them purposefully to look more brooding?

I wish I could say I was, but I've had them since I was 15. But I don't know why you think the circles under my eyes are gone. I just think it's genetics. Hey, man—Dusty Rhodes had giant circles under his eyes too.

Is there anything in your life more satisfying than giving someone the GTS?

That is fun, but I have to say it's not the most satisfying thing in the whole world. I think when I look back on everything, the one satisfying thing is that I've been me ever since I started. I was wrestling in my friend's backyard as CM Punk when I was 15 years old. I'm 32 now, and as you said at the beginning of this interview, it's been five *WrestleManias*, and I'm still CM Punk.



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The Straight Edge Superstar lists five *WrestleMania* moments that deserve a Second City look.



1. RODDY PIPER VS. ADRIAN ADONIS—WMIII "Piper's cart broke. So instead of waiting, he sprinted out to the ring. It was different and awesome."



2. GIMMICK BATTLE ROYAL—WMX-SEVEN "There were a lot of people in there who were questionable. Why was Jim Cornette in a Battle Royal?"



3. BRET HART VS. OWEN HART—WMX "It's definitely the best match to open a *'Mania*, and one of the best matches I've ever seen."



4. UNDERTAKER VS. DIESEL—WMXII "I remember Diesel flipped Taker the bird. I thought, 'Whoa!' And on top of that, it was a decent match."



5. MICKIE JAMES VS. TRISH STRATUS—WM22 "I don't think this Divas match gets enough love. It got a great response from the Chicago crowd."

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Even though the name **The Varsity** conjures images of Alex Riley, this Atlanta institution earns our gastrointestinal seal of approval for selling more than two miles of tube steaks daily. It's also the world's largest drive-in restaurant, capable of accommodating 600 vehicles. thevarsity.com

3 FIT FOR A KING
The Star Community Bar, located in the Little Five Points section of Atlanta, boasts an Elvis Vault complete with a golden toilet and a jukebox that plays all the King's hits. He's the *real* King—you got that, Sheamus? starbar.net

4 GOING UNDERGROUND
Sure, **Underground Atlanta** might sound touristy, but if you're using this guide, guess what? You're a tourist! Stretching six blocks, Underground Atlanta offers an eclectic mix of shopping, dining and local history. underground-atlanta.com

5 GIGANTIC YET CIVILIZED
To prep for the impending battles at the Georgia Dome, march down to the **Atlanta Cyclorama & Civil War Museum** to see *The Battle of Atlanta*, the world's largest oil painting. At 42 feet in height, 358 feet in circumference, and accentuated by a 3D diorama in its foreground, the work is enough to convince ya that the South will rise again. atlantacyclorama.org

6 ROCK 'N' COLA
Since CM Punk's such a big Pepsi fan, we're sure you won't run into him at **The World of Coca Cola**. Home to the most famous carbonated beverage on the planet, this temple to "pop" culture will teach you everything about Coke (except its secret formula), as you sample more than 60 drinks from around the world. worldofcoca-cola.com

7 HIGH ART/LOW PRICES
If you can't make it to WWE's fourth-annual **WrestleMania** art showcase, you can still view plenty of purty paintings and photographs by some of the world's most renowned masters at the **High Museum of Art**. high.org

8 PLANT ONE ON HER
Jack Fogg and Woolly Groundsel sound like a pair of old-timey, technical grapplers. In truth, they're two of the plants in bloom at the **Atlanta Botanical Garden**. If you've got

your lady in tow, this is the perfect spot to infuse some romance into your weekend. Plus, the Jade Vine Emerald Creeper totally sounds like a great name for a submission maneuver. atlantabotanicalgarden.org

9 ALL NATURAL
Big Show's got nothing on the **Gigantosaurus**, the world's largest carnivorous dinosaur. Check it out at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History's "Giants of the Mesozoic" exhibit. Then see the "Mythic Creatures: Dragons, Unicorns and Mermaids" exhibit to learn about the inspiration behind these beasts. No, Mantauro is not on display. fernbankmuseum.org

10 SLAM DUNK!
On Friday, head over to the **Philips Arena**—the location of the WWE Hall of Fame ceremony and host to the post-**WrestleMania Raw**—for some completely different kinds of slams. Joe Johnson, Mike Bibby and the hometown Atlanta Hawks push toward the NBA playoffs against the Boston Celtics. nba.com/hawks/schedule

11 CAGED ANIMALS
Before you go down to catch The Viper in action at **WrestleMania XXVII**, slither your way to **The Atlanta Zoo** to see an actual Gaboon Viper, which boasts the longest fangs of any venomous snake in the world. www.zooatlanta.org

12 MANIMAL STATUE
Add a little strange to your trip by visiting **Buckhead Triangle Park**. There, you'll find the Pagan Storyteller, a statue of a man with a buck's head. Seems like the perfect place for Undertaker's fans to congregate. roadsideamerica.com

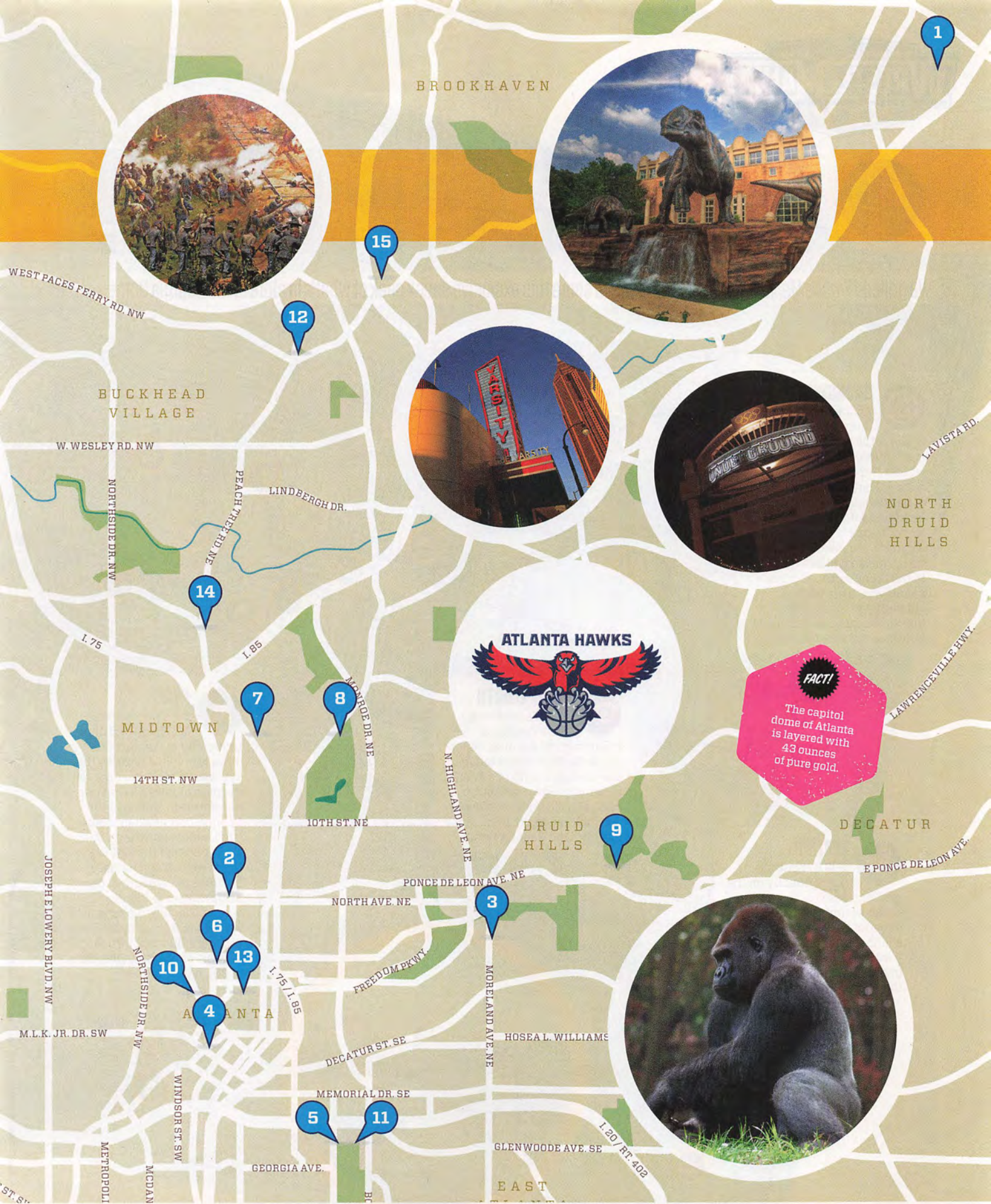
13 REVOLVING RESTAURANT
Put on proper attire and head to the top of **The Westin Peachtree Plaza**, the tallest hotel in the Western Hemisphere, rising 723 feet above sea level. sundialrestaurant.com

14 GOOD (FOR YOU) EATS
Seeking healthy grub? Visit **The R. Thomas Deluxe Grill**. Maybe you'll catch Daniel Bryan there, enjoying the joint's vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free menu options. Don't worry: They've got great burgers, too. rthomasdeluxegrill.net

15 AVAST, LAND LUBBERS!
Pirates hold a special place in WWE history (see: Jean Pierre LaFitte), which is why **Dante's Down the Hatch and Fondue Restaurant** excites us. Dine aboard the decks of a replica 18th-century sailing ship! Fuel up for The Show of Shows by drinking grog and eating fondue. dantesdownthehatch.com



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BLUEPRINT!

We grilled *WrestleMania XXVII*'s set designers to score this exclusive sneak peek of what's in store at the Georgia Dome.



BACKSTAGE

As the home stadium for the Atlanta Falcons, the Georgia Dome is a high-end, multipurpose facility. Superstars and Divas alike will enjoy an array of backstage amenities, including fully equipped NFL locker rooms with massage Jacuzzis. Meanwhile, Superstars' guests will live it up in the Dome's private party suites, which are tricked out with flat-screen TVs, top-flight sound systems and fully stocked refrigerators.



SEATING

WWE is putting risers directly on the gridiron this year in order to better optimize the viewing experience. With the raked seating providing better vantage points, every fan is guaranteed the best seat in the house.



RAMP LENGTH

WWE's geniuses have created a mathematical formula, factoring in stadium size relative to the average length of a WWE ramp, to create a specially calibrated 100-foot entrance-way tailored to the measurements of the Georgia Dome.



PYRO

For *WrestleMania XXVI*, the roof of the University of Phoenix Stadium was rolled back, so the sky was literally the limit for the pyro displays. This year, the closed-in ceiling of the Georgia Dome will preclude such aerial showcases, but we're told that the WWE Universe will still witness 10 times the amount of pyro usually reserved for live events. The firecracker squad will be loading up more than 20,000 individual pieces capable of reaching heights of 200 feet or higher.





IT HAPPENED AT THE GEORGIA DOME!

WrestleMania XXVII isn't the only amazing event to take place inside the Falcons' home. Check out these other memorable moments.



STAGE

In years past, WWE has drawn inspiration from whatever city was playing host to *The Show of Shows*. For this year's event, the star of the show is *WrestleMania* itself, with the entire arena decked out with video screens, banners and signage paying tribute to the grandeur of WWE's signature pay-per-view. On the stage itself, a massive, eye-popping video wall will rise above the Superstars, broadcasting their entrance videos in crystal-clear HD. In addition, WWE has devised a series of highlight reels from *Manias* past that are slated to run between bouts.



LIGHTING

The lighting team will abandon the pyramid-shaped ground-supported lighting setup seen at last year's event in favor of hanging lights along the circular rigs spanning the roof of the Dome. Fans will watch the show illuminated by several thousand lights fueled by more than 170,000 watts and powered by 1,800 miles of cable running through the entire building. If you were to unravel that span, it would stretch from Georgia back to the home of *WrestleMania XXVI*, Phoenix, Arizona!



AUDIO SYSTEM

Since upgrading *The Show of Shows* to a stadium setting, WWE has boosted its sound system to accommodate the massive environs, using the same audio setup employed by such bands as U2 and The Rolling Stones when they tour. The sounds of *WrestleMania XXVII* will be broadcast via 150 concert-level speakers, each rocking more than 1,000 watts of power. Chances are, even if you're at home, you'll hear everything just fine.



NFL

The 1998 Atlanta Falcons enjoyed their finest season in history, making it all the way to the Super Bowl for the first time.



The 1996 Summer Olympics

The Georgia Dome showcased the U.S. Men's Basketball gold medal victory against Yugoslavia.



NCAA D-1 Basketball Championship

Maryland topped Indiana under the Dome in '02 for its first national championship.



College Football

Since 1994, the G.D. has served as the site of the SEC Championship game as well as the annual Chick-fil-A Bowl.



WCW

Goldberg extended his winning streak and defeated Hulk Hogan for his first WCW Championship on the 7/6/98 episode of *Nitro*.



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The Mini-replica belts are made from the same material as the Adult-size replica belts.

Mini-replicas are 12 inches long, and can be used as a wristband or for desktop display. All Deluxe & Ultra-Deluxe belts are exact-scale replicas made of genuine leather. Deluxe medallions

New Tag Team Championship Belt

are made of metal, 2mm thick. Ultra-Deluxe medallions are made of metal, 4mm thick. Each Deluxe belt fits up to a 46-inch waist.

*For all Adult Size, Deluxe Size, Kid Size & Replica Belts that have nameplates, please specify the style and size belt the nameplate is for.

#	Authentic Replica Championship Belts	Adult-Size	Price	Kid-Size	Price	Deluxe	Price	Ultra-Deluxe	Price
AA	WWE Tag Team Championship	WWEB37	\$349.00	WWEBK37	\$199.00			WWEUB37	\$599.00
A	"Spinning" WWE Championship	WWEB27	\$369.00	WWEBK27	\$199.00	WWEDB27	\$499.00		
B	WWE World Heavyweight Championship	WWEB17	\$279.00	WWEBK17	\$169.00	WWEDB17	\$399.00	WWEUB17	\$599.00
C	Classic ECW 2008 Version 3D Heavyweight Championship	ECWB5	\$199.00	ECWBK5	\$99.00			ECWUB5	\$299.00
D	WWE Divas Championship	WWEB35	\$299.00			WWEDB35	\$499.00		
E	Classic Undisputed WWE Championship	WWEB12	\$299.00	WWEBK12	\$169.00	WWEDB12	\$399.00	WWEUB12	\$599.00
F	WWE Intercontinental Championship	WWEB18	\$279.00	WWEBK18	\$169.00	WWEDB18	\$399.00	WWEUB18	\$599.00
G	WWE United States Championship	WWEB19	\$279.00	WWEBK19	\$169.00	WWEDB19	\$399.00	WWEUB19	\$599.00
H	Classic WWE Million Dollar Championship	WWEB33	\$399.00						
I	Classic WWE John Cena "Spinning" United States Championship	WWEB25	\$299.00	WWEBK25	\$199.00				
J	Classic WWE Women's Championship	WWEB11	\$279.00	WWEBK11	\$169.00	WWEDB11	\$399.00		
K	Classic World Tag Team Championship	WWEB16	\$279.00	WWEBK16	\$169.00	WWEDB16	\$399.00		
L	Classic WWE Tag Team Championship	WWEB13	\$279.00	WWEBK13	\$169.00				
M	Classic "Winged Eagle" WWE Championship	WWEB30	\$299.00	WWEBK30	\$169.00	WWEDB30	\$399.00	WWEUB30	\$599.00
N	Classic "Attitude Era" WWE Championship	WWEB20	\$279.00	WWEBK20	\$169.00	WWEDB20	\$399.00	WWEUB20	\$599.00
O	Classic "Smoking" Skull" WWE Championship	WWEB15	\$279.00	WWEBK15	\$169.00	WWEDB15	\$399.00	WWEUB15	\$599.00
P	Classic 1986 WWE Championship	WWEB32	\$299.00			WWEDB32	\$399.00	WWEUB32	\$599.00
Q	Classic WWE Intercontinental Championship Black	WWEB31	\$299.00	WWEBK31	\$169.00	WWEDB31	\$399.00	WWEUB31	\$599.00
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T	Classic WWE Intercontinental Championship Baby Blue	WWEB31B	\$299.00						
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V	Classic ECW Championship	ECWB1	\$279.00	ECWBK1	\$169.00	ECWDB1	\$399.00	ECWUB1	\$599.00
W	Classic Rated R "Spinning" WWE Championship	WWEB34	\$369.00	WWEBK34	\$199.00	WWEDB34	\$499.00		
X	Classic WCW United States Championship	WCWB3	\$279.00	WCWBK3	\$169.00			WCWUB3	\$599.00
Y	Classic WCW Championship	WCWB1	\$279.00	WCWBK1	\$169.00	WCWDB1	\$399.00	WCWUB1	\$599.00

Personalized Replica Belt Nameplates		
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WWE Intercontinental Championship	WWECB18	\$129.00
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Classic Undisputed WWE Championship	WWEBELTBUCKLE9	\$40.00
WWE Intercontinental Championship	WWEBELTBUCKLE8	\$40.00
WWE United States Championship	WWEBELTBUCKLE5	\$40.00
Classic "Winged Eagle" WWE Championship	WWEBELTBUCKLE6	\$40.00
Classic "Attitude Era" WWE Championship	WWEBELTBUCKLE10	\$40.00
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Classic WCW Championship	WWEBELTBUCKLE11	\$40.00

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Classic ECW 2008 Version 3D Heavyweight Championship	ECWMINI5	\$39.00
Classic Undisputed WWE Championship	WWEMINI12	\$40.00
WWE Intercontinental Championship	WWEMINI18	\$40.00
WWE United States Championship	WWEMINI19	\$40.00
Classic WWE John Cena "Spinning" United States Championship	WWEMINI25	\$60.00
Classic WWE Women's Championship	WWEMINI11	\$40.00
Classic WWE World Tag Team Championship	WWEMINI16	\$40.00
WWE Tag Team Championship	WWEMINI13	\$40.00
Classic "Winged Eagle" WWE Championship	WWEMINI30	\$40.00
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Classic 1986 WWE Championship	WWEMINI32	\$40.00
Classic WWE Intercontinental Championship Black	WWEMINI31	\$40.00
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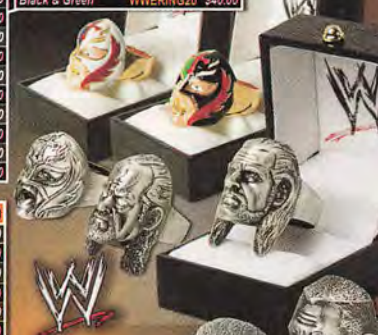
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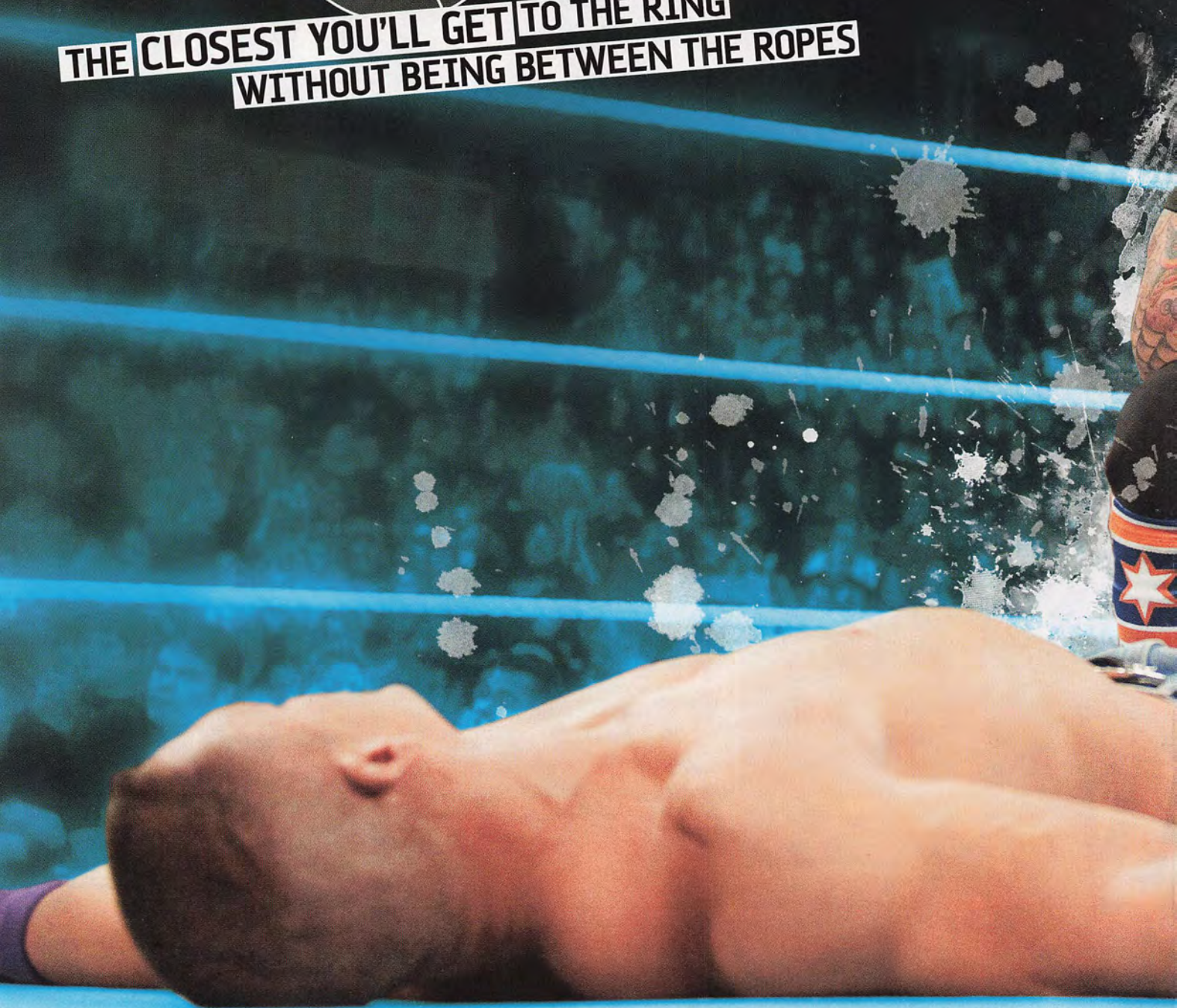
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Biggest Shocker!



CM Punk Takes Over The Nexus & Sets His Sights On John Cena.

The cantankerous CM Punk promised to explain his unprovoked assaults on John Cena, but The Champ wasn't interested in waiting around for answers. Cena called out The Straight Edge Superstar, only to be greeted by David Otunga and The Nexus. They laid waste to The Chain Gang Commander, emboldened by a "new leader," in Otunga's words. Then, in a surprise turn of events, out strode Punk, who sat down in a steel chair and stared at Cena. The Second City Saint then grabbed a stray Nexus armband lying in the ring, put it on, and saluted The Nexus members standing on the stage. In that truly bizarre moment, The Nexus had found a crafty new leader—and become far more dangerous than ever before. **12/27 Raw**

**Del Rio's
Sweet Shelby**



**The Slammy
Awards**



**Mr. Ziggles'
Wild Night**



**WWE TLC
Results**



**And Much,
Much More!**

Match Of The Month!

Natalya Puts Lay-Cool Through A Table

The first-ever Divas Tag Team Tables Match certainly blazed new trails in women's hardcore contests. Natalya and Beth Phoenix threw themselves at Lay-Cool with a viciousness previously unseen in any matches among this group of stellar Divas. The Glamazon even took a nasty spill outside the ring, but recovered in time to celebrate with the third-generation Diva after she splashed both Layla and Michelle McCool through some pink Formica. According to Natalya: "When I pushed Lay-Cool onto that table, I thought they'd be done, but they're like two cockroaches that can't be killed. ...I just dove like a flying squirrel, but it crossed my mind that I might get disqualified for going through the table, too!" Ladies, you've officially raised the bar. **12/19 WWE TLC**



HEATHER MCLAUGHLIN (5); CRAIG AMBROSIO (2); JOHN GIANUNDO (3); ERIC JOHNSON (3)

HIGHLIGHTS

TLC Moments

Remember These Outrageous Moves From That Night?

1. Cena gives Barrett an Attitude Adjustment onto six steel chairs before burying him under 23 more.
2. John Morrison drops Sheamus onto a ladder straddling the ring and announce table during their No. 1 Contender's Match.
3. Rey Mysterio knocks Alberto Del Rio from the top of a ladder and onto a table outside the ring during the Fatal Four Way TLC Match for the World Heavyweight Title.




12/13 New Orleans Arena; New Orleans, LA

- Daniel Bryan & Kofi Kingston  Dolph Ziggler & Ted DiBiase
- Big Show  Wade Barrett by Countout
- Cody Rhodes  Mark Henry
- The Miz  Rey Mysterio
- Sheamus vs. John Morrison (No Contest)
- Michelle McCool won a Divas Battle Royal

- Edge  Jack Swagger
- Randy Orton  David Arquette & Alex Riley in a 2-on-1 Handicap Match
- John Cena  David Otunga

12/20 Frank Erwin Center; Austin, TX

- Melina  Eve and Alicia Fox in a Triple Threat Match
- Daniel Bryan  William Regal
- Santino Marella & Tamina  Ted DiBiase &



- Maryse
- John Cena  Dolph Ziggler
- Randy Orton, John Morrison & Jerry Lawler
- The Miz, Alex Riley & Sheamus




12/27 Times Union Center; Albany, NY

- Santino Marella  Ted DiBiase
- John Morrison  Alex Riley
- Mark Henry  Tyson Kidd

- Jerry "The King" Lawler  The Miz by Countout
- Melina & Alicia Fox  Eve & Gail Kim
- Daniel Bryan  Zack Ryder
- Randy Orton  Sheamus

1/3 U.S. Airways Center; Phoenix, AZ

- The Miz  John Morrison
- Natalya, Eve & Brie Bella  Melina, Maryse & Alicia Fox

- The Usos  Santino Marella & Vladimir Kozlov
- Alberto Del Rio  R-Truth
- Randy Orton  Wade Barrett and Sheamus in a No. 1 Contender's Triple Threat Steel Cage Match

"You're only a master of evil, William."

FACT!

Daniel Bryan was trained by 2011 WWE Hall of Fame inductee Shawn Michaels.

"Quote" Them on It!

The month's most memorable barks and remarks.

"JOHN CENA, YOU'RE NOT FUNNY!"

—CM Punk, letting The Champ know how he feels about Cena's locker-room humor.
12/27/10 Raw

"VICKIE GUERRERO IS A SAINT!"

—Dolph Ziggler, to John Cena.
12/20/10 Raw

"I SEE YOU AS A HYPOCRITICAL, MANIPULATIVE, WASTE OF SKIN."

—Wade Barrett, trying out his favorite new insult on CM Punk.
1/3/11 Raw

"THE PERSON YOU SEE IN THE RING IS NOT THE REAL ME."

—Drew McIntyre, trying to explain to Kelly Kelly that he's a changed man.
12/17/10 SmackDown

"YOU ALL SOUND LIKE A BUNCH OF DUCKS!"

—The Miz, telling the Raw crowd what he thinks of their "What!?!?" chants.
12/27/10 Raw

Best Technical Bout!

Daniel Bryan Battles William Regal In A Master vs. Student Masterpiece

Tucked in the middle of a chaotic Raw was this terrific technical display featuring a student grappling with his master. Bryan learned much from The Villainous One, even taking a bit of malice from the veteran Regal's mean streak. Watch this bout again to see the two Superstars trade some vicious knees and knock-the-head-right-off-the-shoulders uppercuts. Intense. **12/20 Raw**



Biggest Loser!

Sheamus' Tailspin

What's happened to King Sheamus? He hasn't won a match since becoming KOTR. He better turn things around soon. The WWE Universe just expects better from royalty. **12/20, 12/27, 1/3 Raw**



"Hey—you can't park there!"

Sweetest Ride!

Alberto Del Rio's Shelby Cobra

Alberto Del Rio drives to the ring in some really nice cars, but the beautiful red 1966 Shelby Cobra he showcased on Raw might just be our favorite. Billionaires have nice toys, eh? **1/3 Raw**



12/17 Cajundome Lafayette, LA

- Kofi Kingston & Kaval Dolph Ziggler & Jack Swagger
- Cody Rhodes Chris Masters
- The Miz Rey Mysterio
- Santino Marella & Vladimir Kozlov Chavo Guerrero & Tyler Reks
- Edge & Rey Mysterio vs. The Miz & Alberto Del Rio (No Contest)

12/21 AT&T Center San Antonio, TX

- Randy Orton The Miz (DQ)
- Santino Marella Chavo Guerrero
- Drew McIntyre Kaval
- Rey Mysterio & Kofi Kingston Alberto Del Rio & Jack Swagger
- John Cena Dolph Ziggler & Vickie Guerrero in a Handicap Match

12/31 Blue Cross Arena Rochester, NY

- Big Show Cody Rhodes (Countout)
- Drew McIntyre Trent Barreta
- Edge & Rey Mysterio Alberto Del Rio & Kane
- Natalya & Beth Phoenix Michelle McCool & Layla
- Dolph Ziggler Kofi Kingston & Jack Swagger in a Triple Threat Match

1/7 Tucson Convention Center Tucson, AZ

- Edge Kane in a Last Man Standing Match
- Kofi Kingston Dolph Ziggler to become the new Intercontinental Champion
- Dolph Ziggler Drew McIntyre, Cody Rhodes and Big Show in a Fatal Four Way Match

- Michelle McCool Kelly Kelly
- Alberto Del Rio Rey Mysterio in a 2 out of 3 Falls Match

The Slammys

These other Superstars took home Slammy gold...



Superstar of the Year
John Cena



Moment of the Year
Undertaker vs. Shawn Michaels
WrestleMania XXVI



Shocker of the Year
The Nexus Debuts



Holy **** Move of the Year
John Cena's Attitude Adjustment on Batista



Knucklehead Move of the Year
Lay-Cool get beat by Mae Young



Guest-Star Shining Moment
Pee-Wee Herman vs. The Miz



Diva of the Year
Michelle McCool



"Oh Snap" Melt-down of the Year
Edge Destroys The Raw GM Computer

Best Slammy Acceptance



CM Punk Wins The "Despicable Me!" Award

When CM Punk accepted this dubious honor for humiliating Rey Mysterio's daughter, he offered these cryptic words for his next victim (who turned out to be John Cena): "When people wrong me, I get even. Right now, backstage somewhere there's another individual that has wronged me. I want to talk specifically to this person right now, and I want you to know that there will come a day when I get even. ...I hold grudges, and I will not forget. And after what you did to me, I will get my revenge."

12/13 Raw



QUOTE!

"If you think what I did to (Rey) is despicable—well, trust me, you haven't seen anything yet."
—CM Punk

"You hate me!
You really hate me!"



New Champions!

Edge & Kofi Kingston Score WWE Gold

Kofi Kingston had lost three previous pay-per-view bouts to Dolph Ziggler since dropping his I-C Title to the bleach-blond Superstar last summer. Kofi finally broke through on *SmackDown*, besting Mr. Ziggles despite interference from Vickie Guerrero to win his third I-C Title. Oh, and Edge? Well, the master of the TLC Match emerged victorious in his WHC bout against three of *SmackDown*'s top Superstars: Alberto Del Rio, Rey Mysterio and The Big Red Monster, Kane. Edge became a 10-time World Champ—third all-time behind Ric Flair and Triple H. Congrats, men!

12/19 WWE TLC; 1/7 SmackDown

12/14 Cajundome

Lafayette, LA

- Brodus Clay & Ted DiBiase d. Byron Saxton & Chris Masters
- Alberto Del Rio d. Derrick Bateman

12/21 AT&T Center

San Antonio, TX

- Jacob Novak d. Johnny Curtis
- Byron Saxton, Chris Masters & Natalya d.

Brodus Clay,
Ted DiBiase &
Maryse

12/28 Blue Cross Arena; Rochester, NY

- Dolph Ziggler d. Johnny Curtis
- Conor O'Brian d. Derrick Bateman
- Byron Saxton d. Ted DiBiase (DQ)

1/4 Tucson Convention Center

Tucson, AZ

- Dolph Ziggler won a Pros Battle Royal
- Byron Saxton d. Jacob Novak
- Brodus Clay d. Johnny Curtis



12/16

- JTG d. Curt Hawkins
- Zack Ryder d. Darren Young
- Drew McIntyre d. Yoshi Tatsu

12/23

- David Hart Smith d. Zack Ryder
- The Usos d. Yoshi Tatsu & Darren Young
- Beth Phoenix & Kelly Kelly d. Lay-Cool

Biggest Winner!



John Morrison Punctuates An Amazing Month With A WWE Title Shot

No Superstar shone brighter during the past 30 days than Morrison. The Shaman of Sexy excelled in a stellar, 20-minute Ladder Match against Sheamus to become the No. 1 Contender and avenge his KOTR loss against The Celtic Warrior. Then he came within inches of winning the title before The Miz slithered away and Morrison's Starship Pain connected with a table. He may not have walked out with WWE's top prize, but JoMo showed he's the man to watch in 2011 and a World title is definitely in his future. **12/19 WWE TLC; 1/3 Raw**

New No. 1 Contender!

Mr. Ziggles Earns His First World Title Shot

The first SD of 2011 started inauspiciously for Dolph Ziggler, when he lost the I-C Title to Kofi Kingston. All that changed by night's end. Dolph weaseled his way into a Fatal Four Way No. 1 Contender's Match, where he earned a shot at Edge's World Heavyweight Title. That's how to make lemonade, folks! **1/7 SmackDown**



12/30

- The Usos ◀ Yoshi Tatsu & Darren Young
- W. Regal ◀ DH Smith
- T. Reks ◀ C. Masters

1/6

- Tyler Reks ◀ JTG
- Chris Masters ◀ Curt Hawkins
- Yoshi Tatsu ◀ Z. Ryder
- Tyson Kidd Ted DiBiase ◀ & Daniel Bryan & Mark Henry



12/19 WWE TLC: Tables, Ladders & Chairs; Toyota Center Houston, TX

- Dolph Ziggler ◀ Kofi Kingston & Jack Swagger in a Triple Threat Ladder Match
- Natalya & Beth Phoenix ◀ Lay-Cool in a Divas Tag Team Tables Match
- Santino Marella & Vladimir Kozlov ◀ Heath Slater

- & Justin Gabriel (DQ)
- John Morrison ◀ Sheamus in a Ladder Match to become No. 1 Contender for the WWE Championship
- The Miz ◀ Randy Orton in a Tables Match
- John Cena ◀ Wade Barrett in a Chairs Match
- Edge ◀ Kane, Rey Mysterio & Alberto Del Rio in a Tables, Ladders & Chairs Match

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MODEL

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Don't tell **Dolph Ziggler** that nobody's perfect. Not that he'd believe you anyway. As proof of his awesomeness, consider these tales about his amazing I-C reign, his mastery of business casual, his *Dukes of Hazzard* T-shirt, and his stint as a remarkably handsome anchorman.



s one of the longest-reigning Intercontinental Champions in the past few years, how would you characterize the quality of your recent title run? Did it reach perfection?

Honestly, so many people get lucky. And the harder they work, the luckier they are. However, in my case, that doesn't apply. I really am just that good at what I do. I work hard. I work out. I study tapes. But most importantly, I'm naturally gifted. Of course, I owe some credit to Vickie Guerrero because, without her, I'd have suffered another year without holding any gold. It works both ways, though. She gets arm candy, and I get waist candy. But has my reign been perfect? No. Perfection would be holding the World Heavyweight Championship. The Intercontinental Title is just something to check off on my to-do list.

Did you ever consider redecorating or personalizing your I-C Title like Superstars of yesteryear?

Every day. I wanted so badly to customize it with a white leather strap, à la The Ultimate Warrior and Shawn Michaels. It would've been the perfect combo of old-school wrestling and me looking tan as hell!

What's up with your tie and no shirt look?

You know, sometimes I rock the tie with no T-shirt. Other times I rock the tie with a V-neck. I've actually become so comfortable with the look that I wear it at home as well. It boils down to the fact that I hate snooty people and their three-piece suits. I hate how The Miz dresses. Oh—I get it, he's very California and trendy. Someone wore that same suit in *GQ*, or Justin Timberlake wore it at an awards show five years ago, so now he's into it. Personally, I love business casual. It's me. With a pair of black Nike high-tops, black pants and a tie with a blazer or a T-shirt, I am the personification of cool.

More often than not, Superstars who appear on TV in suits see their clothes torn to pieces. Ever worry about this odd phenomenon?

You know what? I honestly don't think of that, because I don't remember the last time someone beat me up. It might've happened in third grade. I was fine, though. My clothes were fine. My *Dukes of Hazzard* T-shirt was all in one piece. So no, I don't worry about that. Ever.

We often refer to you as "Mr. Ziggles" in *WWE Magazine*. But is there another nickname you'd prefer we print?

First of all, Mr. Ziggles is my father. Second, I actually enjoyed those awesome two weeks of being called Mr. Ziggles. Whatever gets the WWE Universe involved and participating in any show, live event—

anything—I'm all for it. The more the merrier. Mr. Ziggles didn't really catch on, though. You might be the only people who remember it.

There are a lot of good-looking guys on the roster who think highly of themselves. What separates you from the pack?

What separates me is that I don't need to tell you I'm good-looking. It's understood. I mean, I'm gifted at wrestling and being a sports-entertainer, but if people must know, I was also a model for five years. The difference between me and everyone else is that I have all that going for me, but I never have to remind people of how handsome I am. If you have to tell people, it doesn't apply to you. I'm looking at you, Cody.

What's the best advice you gave to your former *WWE NXT* Rookie, Jacob Novak?

Oh, you mean the tall Curt Hawkins? My advice to him was, "Don't screw this up. Watch what I do and try to do it nearly as well." Oh, and I told him never to make eye contact with me. But honestly, it was such a great experience being a Pro. When I found out I'd be on *WWE NXT*, I was so excited. It's one more show where I can debut new outfits. And I get a little more mic time, too, for which the WWE Universe should be thankful. I don't get to talk nearly enough on *SmackDown*.

How does one attain perfection? Is it something you're born with, or something you must strive for constantly?

With me, it's a little of both. I was born super-hot and super-athletic, as well as really smart. Most people are one or the other. You get the nerdy guy, the dumb jock or the average Joe, but I'm a combination, which is incredibly rare—and incredibly lethal. But I also have to work at maintaining perfection. I constantly watch tapes of my opponents and learn new moves to update my repertoire. All I can offer simpletons like you is this: No matter what you do in life, make sure you work harder than everyone else, and you'll be fine.

We get it: You're perfect and cool and athletic and really handsome. But admit it, even you harbor a nerdy side.

I never have been, nor will I ever be, a nerd. I do remember when I was five years old, I lost a wrestling match and cried pretty hard. That day changed my life, though, and since then I've been the epitome of cool and always win. I was on the student council, I was a top athlete, I earned straight As and was anchorman for our high-school news show. Wow, ya know what, I really have always been perfect!



SPEED ROUND

Dolph Ziggler ranks the world's most perfect things.



1. "Chipotle has perfected the burrito, that's for sure. And luckily for me, Cleveland is loaded with Chipotles. I could eat there every single day because it is so damn good. I tweet about it on a pretty constant basis."



2. "SpongeBob's tweets are the perfect mixture of entertainment and family fun. He's one of the only tweeters worth following, and if you're not following him, start right now @happysquared."



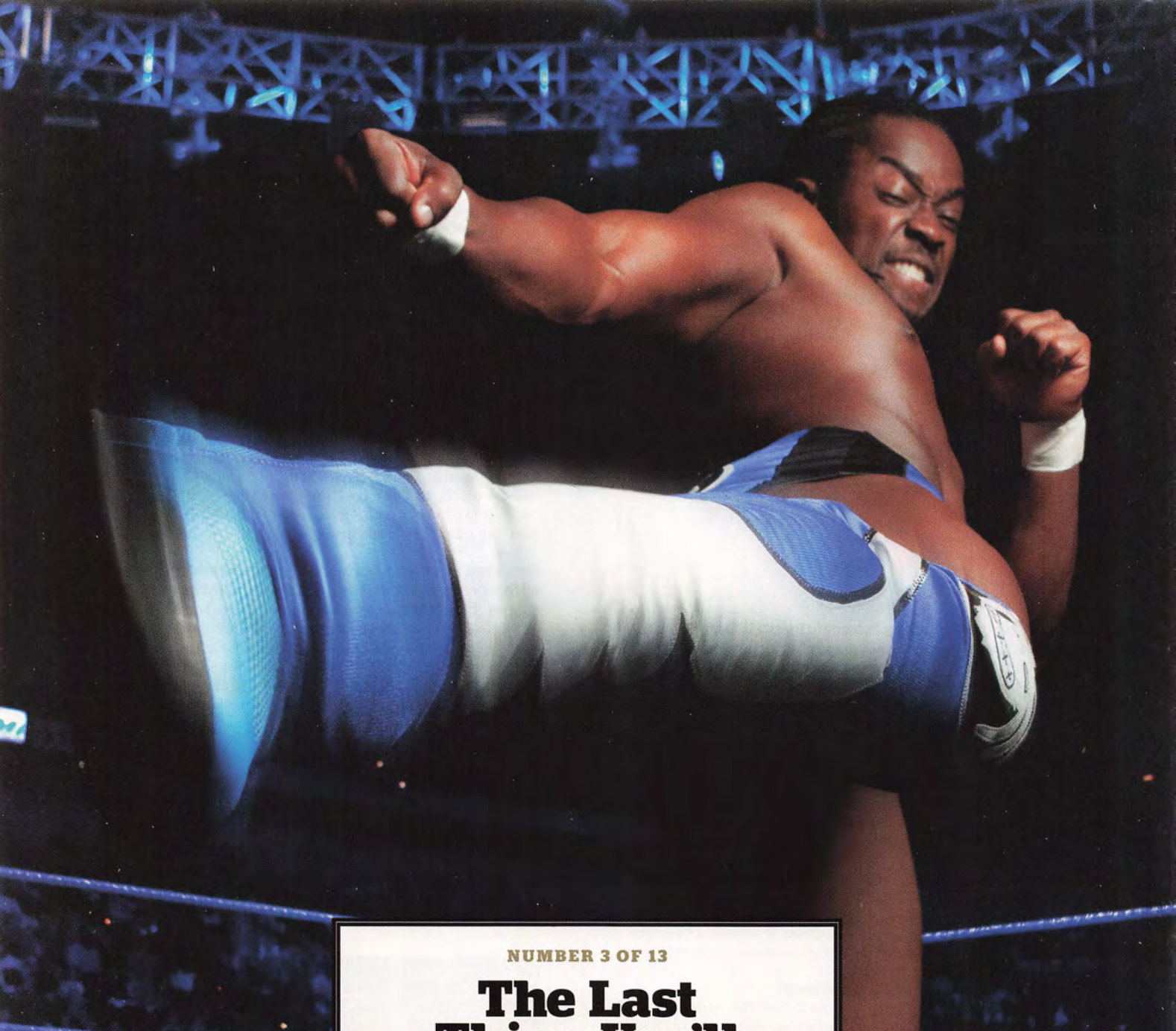
3. "Pizza Hut's stuffed crust pizza is incredible. It's the most perfect pizza I've ever tasted. However, that's two food options that ended up on my perfect list. I hope this isn't all about food. I have an image to uphold."



4. "The Lake Erie Monsters, which are Miami, Ohio's AHL hockey team, have perfected the sports entrance. This giant blow-up sea monster gives birth to them and they explode onto the ice. It's so awesome!"



5. "The Perfect Push Up is the greatest workout tool ever invented. I'm always training, always trying to better myself, and though I was born super-hot and super-athletic, this gets me in even better shape."



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The Last Thing You'll Ever See

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▪ Kofi's Trouble in Paradise ▪

Growing up, Kofi Kingston says he imagined he was a ninja. "I was way into kung-fu movies, and they always featured that spinning roundhouse kick," he recalls. "I thought it was cool because it's like a pump fake in basketball: You fake one kick and then, boom!—here comes the real one." That love of martial arts is what inspired Kofi's crushing finisher, Trouble in Paradise, a spring-heeled kick that has leveled the biggest names in WWE, and earned him respect from even his most hated opponents. "It hurts," concedes Dolph Ziggler, a multiple Trouble in Paradise recipient. "And it catches you in such a way that you have no choice but to fall to the mat because you're never truly ready for it. Your arms drop, your legs give out, and down you go. It's only later that you look back and say, 'Man, he got me.'"

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